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New Fleet Now In Service



Police Chief Stanley Chmielewski, front left and William Stone of Ray Stone Pontiac, are shown with the new fleet of police cruisers purchased by the town recently. Policemen are, from left to right: Sgt. Frank Evangelist, Officer Paul Kerr, Officer Steve Sliech, Officer William Sliech, and Officer Thomas Mezzetti. photo by Jack Devine

School Committee Seeks Replacement for Cannava

by Joanne Brown

In a special meeting held last week, the Agawam School Committee decided on the procedure they will follow in seeking a replacement for Superintendent of Schools Ernest Cannava. Dr. Cannava will be leaving his post in Agawam in mid-summer to assume the position as head of the school system in Rome, New York.

According to School Committee Chairman Richard Borgatti, the committee will employ basically the same method they followed in hiring Dr. Cannava. They have already begun advertising the availability of the position in magazines and periodicals to which many superintendents subscribe, in the *New York Times*, and on campuses of colleges which give advanced degrees in education.

Applications for the position will be accepted through May 30, 1979.

According to Mr. Borgatti, he will be the only one to see the names of the applicants. The selection procedure will be done "blind"; that is, the applications will be numbered and reviewed with the names of the applicants covered.

From the total number of applications, the field will be narrowed as much as possible. Each of the remaining applicants will be interviewed in person by the entire school committee. From those who place in the top few, the committee will attempt to hire the first on the list on down until a new superintendent is found.

The criteria to be used in selecting a new superintendent will be primarily based on his educational

background and experience. "We are looking for someone who is an expert in education," said Mr. Borgatti. "We already have a fine business manager so we can seek out someone who really knows all aspects of education. Whatever additional qualifications he may have will be a bonus."

The committee will look for a candidate with a minimum of ten years of experience in teaching and administration. They will also require someone who has earned a masters degree in education and prefer a candidate with a doctorate.

Mr. Borgatti said he is hopeful of finding a new superintendent by the time Dr. Cannava leaves the post.

Town Department Heads Organize Association

by Joanne Brown

In a meeting held last Thursday at the Oak Ridge Country Club, the heads of all departments for the Town of Agawam approved a constitution under which a newly-formed Department Heads Association will operate. According to Louis Draghetti, chairman, this association, in essence, is simply a reorganization of a group which had existed prior to the manager council form of government.

As stated in the constitution of this organization, the purpose of the Department Heads Association is "to bring closer together those to whom are entrusted to carry out the function of the Town of Agawam individual departments..." and to "promote a spirit of good fellowship."

Mr. Draghetti explained, "We plan to have regular monthly meetings where we can air anything that may be bothering any individual and have input on possible solutions to common problems." He went on to say that he hopes the group will be "constructively critical" and can solve confusion that sometimes arises due to lack of communication.

Occasionally, Town

Manager Peter Caputo will be invited to attend some of these meetings when specific items on which the department heads would like his ideas will be discussed.

According to Draghetti, a typical example of a common problem arose at the first meeting held last week, and after tossing the issue around among the department heads, a solution was proposed and further action will be taken.

In the past, each individual department head was asked to predict the amount of gasoline his department would require for the year and to incorporate the funds for that amount in his annual budget. Oftentimes this figure was overestimated because of the difficulty predicting the cost of gasoline for the whole year. Much confusion resulted from overestimates in each department and several transfers from one account to another became necessary as particular departments ran short of gas.

The Department Head Association will propose a plan to centralize the purchase of gasoline whereby funds for all the gasoline used by all town departments will be placed into one large account upon which all

departments will draw. They feel this will eliminate overestimating and will require less red tape in obtaining funds if any one department finds itself running short of gasoline.

Officers for this newly-reorganized association are as follows: Chairman - Louis Draghetti, scaler of weights and measures; Vice Chairman - Lou Miodowski, head of school maintenance; Secretary - Carol Taylor, the town accountant.

Other department heads who are members of this group are Building Inspector Joseph Conte; Fire Chief Harry Schneider; Chief Librarian Donna Campbell; Police Chief Stanley Chmielewski; Director of Council on Aging Margaret Taegar; Director of Parks and Recreation Jack Kunasek; Health Agent Ronald Young; Supt. of Public Works John Stone; Town Assessor Ernest Dumont; Town Clerk Edward Caba; Town Treasurer David Gallano; Veterans Agent John McCarthy; and Director of Data Processing Fred Messier.

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PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Wednesday April 25

6:00 THE GOODBYE GIRL (PG-1:50)
8:00 Standing Room Only: ONE MORE TIME: MUSIC THEN AND NOW
9:30 AAU Boxing: WESTERN SEMI-FINALS
11:00 THE LATE GREAT PLANET EARTH (PG-1:30)
12:30 Standing Room Only: ONE MORE TIME: MUSIC THEN AND NOW

Thursday April 26

6:00 MURDER BY DEATH (PG-1:34)
8:00 NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP GYMNASTICS - II
9:00 Special: CIRCUS
10:00 BLUE COLLAR (R-1:50)
12:00 MURDER BY DEATH (PG-1:34)

Friday April 27

6:30 THE HIDING PLACE (PG-2:25)
9:00 On Location: MARTIN MULL
10:00 THE GREAT TEXAS DYNAMITE CHASE (R-1:29)
11:30 SCALPEL (PG-1:35)
1:30 DIRTY HARRY (R-1:35)

Saturday April 28

2:30 Special: UPCLOSE
3:30 THE LATE GREAT PLANET EARTH (PG-1:30)
5:00 VISIT TO A CHIEF'S SON (G-1:32)
6:30 AAU Boxing: WESTERN SEMI-FINALS
8:00 THE MANITOU (PG-1:44)
10:00 RABBIT TEST (PG-1:26)
11:30 THE GOODBYE GIRL (PG-1:50)

3:30 Special: CIRCUS
4:30 THE HIDING PLACE (PG-2:25)
7:00 NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP GYMNASTICS - II
8:00 GO TELL THE SPARTANS (R-1:54)
10:00 DOG DAY AFTERNOON (R-2:05)
12:15 BLUE COLLAR (R-1:50)

Monday April 30

6:30 THE CHEAP DETECTIVE (PG-1:32)
8:00 Special: LEGENDS
8:30 On Location: MARTIN MULL
9:30 DIRTY HARRY (R-1:35)
11:30 Special: UPCLOSE
12:30 JULIA (PG-1:56)



In 1862 in Newport, R.I., a woman started a clothing factory which provided jobs for wives and mothers of Civil War soldiers --- and turned out 50,000 shirts for the Union Army. This dauntless woman delivered the shirts to the government herself, and served on hospital ships evacuating soldiers from Virginia. Later she returned to Rhode Island to become the first female superintendent of a general hospital. Who was that lady who did so much for her country? Katherine Prescott Wormeley.

ACT Criticizes Recent Planning Board Meeting

by Gail Loneto

On Wednesday, April 12, approximately 150 members of ACT (Agawam Citizens Together) met with their steering committee to discuss the Solitario condominium project and the Beltrandi business park.

Many members of the ACT group voiced disapproval over the "hastily" called Planning Board meeting held on April 14th and the reverse 4-1 decision outcome concerning the Solitario condominium project.

Procedures concerning town appointments were discussed after controversy surfaced involving the recent appointment of Harold Ellis to the Planning Board and the reverse decision of that board.

The ACT group claims that the Town Manager's present system of handpicking candidates resulted in embarrassment for the Planning Board and the councilors and angered the people of the town. Also, they feel the credibility of the town is in question.

The 16-member ACT steering committee, represented by Harry Minet, Mrs. Audrey Dempsey, Mrs. Janice Phillips, and Elena Bonavita, suggested that in the future all applicant resumes be filed with the town clerk and when an appointment is to be made, each councilor should receive a

copy to review.

The ACT group voted unanimously to oppose both the Solitario condominium project and the Beltrandi business park.

The steering committee presented the group with information dealing with the Agawam Sanitary Sewer Study. According to the steering committee, the town would have to provide one-half mile of underground piping plus construct the Washington Brook Trunk sewer for the Solitario development. They also claim there are absolutely no storm drainage systems on South and Sutfield Streets.

They further stated that the proposed location of the Solitario condominiums would pose a threat to the safety of the schoolchildren at James Clark School.

The ACT group expressed concern over the credibility of the Beltrandi plan. They are also concerned over the environmental impact on the town and planned to present an environmental study to the Town Council on April 25th.

They further stated that there are many other programs in Agawam that urgently need attention, and the cost of supportive services for new projects such as the apartments that are presently proposed are unnecessary.

NSA Plan Fashion Show

The Ways and Means Committee of Springfield Chapter, The National Secretaries Association (International) will sponsor *A Look at Summer Fashions* on Sunday, May 6, 1979. The event will begin at 1 p.m. in the Colosseum Banquet House in West Springfield. Frilly, frothy fashions by Sally Donovan will be modeled by Mary Allard, Dee Calabrese, Laura Coppola, Lucie Chrostowsky, Kris Duclos, Eileen Johnson, Dottie Meyer, Pat Palpini, Eve Waterman, all members of Springfield Chapter.

A donation of \$3.50 will cover admission and light refreshments following the show. Tickets may be obtained from members of Springfield Chapter and will not be sold at the door.

Serving on the Committee are Louise Hannifin, Ticket Chairman; Donna Pope, Committee Chairman; Dee Calabrese, Laura Coppola, Sylvia Paquette, Eve Waterman.

New Postal Vehicles Good on Gas

Those new, all-white mail jeeps you may have noticed are not only different looking on the outside, they use less gasoline because they have a smaller engine, according to Agawam Postmaster, Robert R. DeForge.

The new white vehicles are powered by a four-cylinder engine instead of the present six-cylinder engine in the older jeeps. The Environmental Protection Agency gives the four-cylinder engine a combined city highway rating of 20 miles per gallon compared to a 17 miles per gallon for the six-cylinder engine.

The all-white jeeps cost less to buy because they are painted a single color, and the Postal Service expects they will require less upkeep. The blue section of the older jeeps requires repainting as often as once every other year. Because white will stand up to weather conditions better, repainting will generally not be needed more than one time during the average eight year life span of the delivery jeeps.

The Postal Service is phasing in about 9,000 of the white jeeps through October of 1979. It will repaint older vehicles in the fleet all-white but only as required.

School Lunch Menus

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Agawam School Menu

Wednesday, April 25: Steamed frankfurt in roll, oven baked beans, potato puffs, chilled pears in syrup, milk
Thursday, April 26: Oven roasted chicken, whipped potatoes, buttered diced carrots, whole wheat bread, school baked cookies, milk
Friday, April 27: Chilled juice, barbequed beef in roll, steamed rice, buttered niblet corn, ice cream, milk
Monday, April 30: Pizza w cheese topping, tossed garden salad w spinach greens and Italian dressing, 1/2 peanut butter sandwich for seconds, chilled fruit cup, milk
Tuesday, May 1: Hamburg on roll, steamed rice, buttered mixed vegetables, petite banana, milk
Wednesday, May 2: Roast turkey w gravy, whipped potatoes, cranberry sauce, buttered peas & carrots, rye bread & butter, chocolate cake w vanilla icing, milk
Thursday, May 3: 1/2 tuna salad sandwich, 1/2 peanut butter sandwich, potato puffs, ketchup, spice applesauce, ice cream, milk
Friday, May 4: Meat ball grinder, mexi corn, oven French fries, ketchup, gingerbread cake w whip topping, milk

Southwick School Menu

Wednesday, April 25: Cheeseburger on bun, catsup & mustard, French fries, hot buttered vegetables, vanilla pudding w topping, milk
Thursday, April 26: Hearty beef stew, cheese cubes, buttered rice, dessert cook's choice, bread & butter, milk
Friday, April 27: Cheese pizza, buttered green beans, tossed green salad w dressing, chilled cinnamon applesauce, milk
Monday, April 30: Oven baked frankfurter on roll, French fries, buttered peas, cookies, milk
Tuesday, May 1: Spaghetti w meat balls & sauce, shredded cheese, tossed green salad w dressing, French bread & butter, brownies, milk
Wednesday, May 2: Cheeseburger on bun, pickle chips, French fries, buttered green beans, cherry jello w topping
Thursday, May 3: Sliced turkey on grinder roll, lettuce & tomato, buttered mixed vegetables, chilled peaches, milk
Friday, May 4: Cheese pizza, buttered corn, garden green salad w dressing, chilled applesauce, milk

Agawam Senior Center Wright Street

4/30: Hamburg patties, shredded potatoes, cabbage, pears
5/1: Beef stew, rice, lettuce, cake
5/2: Golumkis, corn, fresh fruit
5/3: Grilled wieners, macaroni salad, custard
5/3: Fish, potato puffs, peas & carrots, plums

There are a few tickets left to the Porter Phelps Huntington House in Hadley and the Hadley Farm Museum. Lunch at the Riverboat. This is our most popular trip, so don't wait. Date: Tuesday, May 22. Price: \$13.

Next foot clinic with Dr. Haynes is May 2. Please make an appointment.

Grange Will Meet

The regular meeting of the Community Grange will be held Tuesday, May 1st, at 8 o'clock in the Grange Home on North West Street. Members of the Southwick and Granville Granges have been invited as guests.

"The Golden Choralists" of Westfield, under the direction of Mrs. J.C. Murphy, will entertain with a musical program. A social hour will follow the program with refreshments served by a committee consisting of Roberta Cesan, Ruth Vigneaux, Rachel Foakes, Edith and Ellsworth Bostwick, and Gertrude Nilson.

Golden Agers Meeting

The Agawam Golden Agers held their regular meeting recently at the Senior Center on Wright Street with 176 members present. John Franconi with his accordion entertained and refreshments were served.

At the next meeting on April 25th, gift bingo will be played. Emmeline Comeau has openings for the Florida trip. She may be contacted at 786-1264.

Auction Plans Set

Holy Name School in Springfield is having an auction on Saturday, May 12, from 1 to 6 p.m. at the Holy Name Social Center on Alderman Street. The proceeds will be used to help defray the expense of field trips for the students.

Going on the block will be antiques, bric-a-brac, and something for everyone from furniture to candy dishes.

Mark down May 12 and plan to attend.

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Councilors Speak Out On Current Issues

This week we finish our interviews with the Agawam Town Council concerning their thoughts and opinions on Agawam's tax base and the various proposals that have come before them recently. Below are the remarks made by Councilors Fred Serra, Francis Colli, Dennis Roberts, Richard Theroux, Ken Barnes, Floyd Landers, Fred Nardi and Paul Paleologopoulos.

Question: Would you agree that as a town we are in financial trouble? (We don't have a substantial tax base)

Francis Colli: "We do need a broader tax base, every town would like to broaden its tax base, but I don't feel we are presently in financial trouble."

Fred Serra: "The town is in excellent financial condition. We have no trouble bonding money for the town."

Paul Paleologopoulos: "I don't feel we're in financial trouble. Every town would like to broaden its tax base but Agawam doesn't have any more to offer business than any other community. It's difficult to broaden the tax base unless we have something special to offer. Taxes in town have not gone up substantially in the last five years even with inflation. We've been able to maintain a stable tax base."

Dennis Roberts: "No I do not agree that Agawam is in financial trouble. But we must realize two very important points. The reason Agawam has had a reasonably stable tax base in the past is because of a good ratio of business and residential use. If Agawam continues to build houses and refuses to allow reasonable business growth the tax burden will fall increasingly on the homeowner. As a young man who wishes to raise my family in Agawam, this prospect upsets me greatly."

Floyd Landers: "At the present time I don't think we are in bad shape financially, but with rapidly increasing inflation, we are going to have to broaden the tax base. I'm very disappointed we haven't been able to develop the industrial park at a more rapid pace. Spot zoning and condominiums are just not the answer."

Ken Barnes: "We are not in jeopardy of bankruptcy, but we are in trouble in so far as financing our tax base so that the costs are not passed back to the taxpayer."

Nardi: "I agree"

Theroux: "We are not in financial difficulties because of the stabilization factor built into our system by previous town administrations. We do not have, however, a substantial business tax base other than Riverside Park, Buxtons, Hoods and a couple of other large businesses."

Question: Were you in favor of the Solitario condominium project? Are you in favor of any gaming proposals coming into Agawam? Are you in favor of the Beltrandi business park, and if not, would you be in favor if there were controls imposed upon the developer?

Colli: (On Solitario) "I would rather abstain from answering this question. I was not confronted with it and it's only theoretical now.... I am opposed to gaming proposals. I don't know any advantages operating a racetrack within the town limits would have for Agawam.... (On Beltrandi) Since that question is to be voted on this week, I'd rather not answer that."

Serra: "I was reserving any opinion on the Solitario project until all the information was in. I could have gone either way... I was in favor of the racetrack proposal but I'd have to see any future proposals involving gaming before making any decisions.... I'm not in favor of the Beltrandi business park proposal because I don't like the concept. It gives the individual a feeling of the Eastfield Mall set-up and it's not. I wouldn't be in favor of it even with more controls on the builder, it still wouldn't change the concept. It's too permanent."

Paleologopoulos: "There were too many condominiums in the same area from the traffic standpoint. On the Solitario project, the existing roads would not be able to withstand the increased traffic.... I would not be in favor of a racetrack because the people in town do not want it. I don't think any town our size would be happy with a racetrack.... I don't think it would be good for the town.... I question where Mr. Beltrandi is going to get clients for the business park and whether the existing roads would attract business without the completion of Route 57 which could be as long as ten years down the road. I don't think it is a viable situation. I find it very difficult to see where any controls exist. I will vote against it unless more legally enforced controls are imposed."

Roberts: "As an elected official representing the residents of Precinct 6, I would not support the Solitario proposal due to the overwhelming opposition that has been voiced to me.... I will at no time support gaming proposals in Agawam. Gaming in no way helps to stabilize the tax base. There is a right way to broaden the tax base and a wrong way. To me, gaming is the wrong way.... I will wait until the public hearing before making my final decision. However, I am in favor of business expansion as long as I feel that it will benefit the community. I am receptive to the idea of a business park."

Landers: "I was not in favor of the Solitario condominium project. We have enough condominiums in Agawam. They are a drain on the taxpayer and raise taxes instead of decreasing them.... Personally, I'm not against gaming, but I would first have to see the proposal and find out what the citizens wanted.... I'm not satisfied with the present zoning on the Beltrandi land. At present he does not have to build a business park, he could just build condominiums. I first have to find out what the people want."

Barnes: "On gaming, I voted yes. I felt that the community was in favor of it - as a whole - as opposed to special interest groups.... On Solitario & Beltrandi, "Since my inception as an elected official, I have supported any proposal to help the tax base, especially those proposals whereby the developer pays his own way and all the town has to do is sit back and collect the taxes. The Beltrandi proposal would have a significant impact on the tax base. Jobs would be provided for Agawam residents - especially for those people who find the want to or must work on a part time basis. It is important to bring commercial enterprises into Agawam to provide employment for our people. Farmland is only assessed at 25% of value for tax purposes, commercial property is assessed at 60%."

There are those in town who are trying to turn Agawam into a bedroom community. Everyone wants a Longmeadow, but no one wants to pay the bill. I have always been in favor of expansion of our business base, and I would be more in favor of Beltrandi's proposal if a covenant can be given - and I have good reason to believe that this can be done to be legally binding."

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Nardi: "On Solitario, yes, I was in favor. I think he is now planning to put in a mobile home park in that area - I think that will be a bad scene.... (On Beltrandi) I think I'm in favor of it the way it stands now, unfortunately, people who are for these things (ie business park) don't voice their opinions, and I don't think controls on the developer will change the minds of those against."

Theroux: "I was not in favor the most recent racetrack proposal because of the area it was in, the access roads and facilities were not there. The racing proposal was not put before the Council anyhow.... As far as Solitario goes, condominiums are a way of life for many people, and I would like to think that I'm not so short sighted as to think everyone has to live in a single family home. If situated in the right area, a condominium project can be beneficial - they have proven to be a benefit to the tax rolls, requiring limited services and paying maximum taxes."

I am definitely in favor of the Beltrandi business park. The park is needed to expand our business base - this means more jobs, tax dollars and off-shoot industry. Other businesses and the people in town will benefit. I can't understand how I, as a Councilor, can turn a business proposal away when every community in the Northeast is actively searching for business and light industry to locate in their particular area. As far as the Industrial Park is concerned, it is my feeling that businesses will propose to locate where they think they can make - I don't believe we should tell them where we think they should go - we don't have that kind of privilege."

We must begin to develop our tax base and to do this we have to show developers we will cooperate with them. We, as a town, should be willing to lay out tax dollars for services to entice business and light industry into our town. We can also help in giving proper zoning and other enticements to get them into our community. It is time Agawam decides what it wants to be - a bedroom community or a community that will co-exist with business. The people in my precinct want to see business prosper in Agawam - they are having a tough time meeting tax payments and they shouldn't be asked to pay for the luxury of a few. The town is a big pie, and each piece must be willing to do its share."

Question: Were you in favor of the Bonavita Shopping Mall proposal?

Colli: "I was opposed to the Bonavita shopping mall proposal because there is a shopping center across the street."

Serra: "On the Bonavita proposal, I originally voted against it, but I wouldn't mind taking a second look at it."

Paleologopoulos: "No, I voted against the Bonavita proposal. There is a shopping mall across the street and it would be unfair to locate a business which would compete with an already existing business. There's only a limited amount of customers to draw from."

Roberts: "It was necessary for me to abstain from that vote."

Landers: "I voted against the Bonavita Shopping mall. The people were vague when they presented the proposal."

Barnes: "I voted yes. If people would stop and think that if they were offered a \$40,000 or \$50,000 house across the street from Southgate, would they want it? Our business should be located on main arteries, and Suffield and Silver Streets are main arteries."

Theroux: "No I was not in favor of the Bonavita shopping mall because of the area it was in and the difficulties the shopping center across the street were having."

Question: What would you do to start a tax base immediately?

Colli: "We would have to lure business and industry into town to broaden the tax base."

Serra: "I think the first step for a tax base in Agawam has already been taken. We've already started holding the line on spending and tax cuts."

Paleologopoulos: "I don't feel that I alone can broaden the tax base. It would take a concerted effort of the town's people, the council and the manager to broaden the tax base. It is very difficult for the town to attract business because most of the available land is privately owned."

Roberts: "It is vital for the community as a whole to become receptive to business growth and expansion. Business can

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and must live, hand in hand with the residential character of this community. If we fail to meet this challenge we will soon learn the mistake we have made by making it economically impossible for many of us, young and old, to live in Agawam. I do not believe this is what we want for our elderly and children."

Landers: "As I stated before, I would like to see some light industry come into the industrial park. I'd like to see the town lure business into the industrial park area."

Barnes: "The land that is presently zoned industrial is held by individual owners. Also it is exceedingly difficult to develop

the land because of the Wetlands Act and the ownership of a strip of the land by WMECO. The airport is owned by Newhouse, and the problem there is that they will only sell the entire parcel - they are not interested in developing only a portion of it. Private investment and private funding should be escalated since the town cannot possibly afford to purchase either of these parcels of land.

If people want us (the town) to buy the farmland in order to stop development, then we're back to the 1700's and we should have a Tea Party at the Agawam Bridge! If the people don't let us build a business tax base, then we will have to cut services to hold the tax rate at an affordable level. We won't fix the streets and perhaps cut down on rubbish collection. Some councilors-not myself-have even suggested having volunteer fire and police departments! Our community has already spent more than it earns and if we don't do something to bolster our tax base, this will be the last year we will see any decrease in the tax rate!

My precinct (3) is composed of a lot of people living on fixed incomes. I have to protect their interests as well as the whole community's. The people in my precinct are for the Beltrandi proposal. These special interest groups are only protecting themselves and not thinking of others in town or of the future when they oppose these proposals."

Nardi: "As far as developing a tax base, it's a sad situation. Developers will see what is happening in our town and will not even attempt to locate here. This year's \$3-\$5 tax cut will be absolutely the last cut for a long time. I think if the people were to decide (ie. referendum), they would vote in favor of the Beltrandi proposal and vote to have a progressive town."

Theroux: "As I stated before, we must encourage business and light industry to locate in town."

Question: If the Town Council does not accept the proposal, what do you propose be done with the land?

Colli: "It's up to the people who own the land to determine what's to be done with the land. I don't have any control over that."

Serra: "I'd like to see another racetrack proposal come into town. It would give the town a steady flow of revenue."

Paleologopoulos: "We don't own the Solitario or Beltrandi land so we have very little control over what's done with the land."

Roberts: "My job as a representative of this community is to act on these proposals in a way which will be beneficial to the residents. My job is to act on proposals, not do the proposing."

Landers: "I'd like to see it remain agricultural. We'd have to use the master plan as a guide."

Barnes: Answer included in answer to previous question.

Theroux: ditto

Color Me Exhausted

By Rita White

The world of crafts becomes more and more intriguing to me as each day passes by. And when it is a day like Sunday, April 22, 1979, my interest hits top level.

This particular Sunday, found me at the Artisan Village Arts and Crafts show in Holyoke. I had gone primarily to see the Agawam exhibitors there, all of which you must be familiar with by now.

The show consisted of approximately 100 exhibitors hailing from 38 different cities and towns in Massachusetts, 19 cities and town in Connecticut, 4 from Vermont, 1 from New Hampshire and 1 from New York. The variety of crafts is amazing, and it seems to me that new crafts are being created every year.

There were the expected crafts such as silver jewelry making, patchwork quilting, dried flowers, tile painting, wooden toys, leather articles, macrame, crocheting, pottery, stained glass, and on and on. As used as we are to these crafts, the designs, the workmanship and creativity is so individual as to make each thing unique.

I did find some crafts that were new to me and again quite impressive.

I was particularly taken with some jewelry that consists of stained glass with sterling silver picture overlay. Very pretty. There was a wooden dollhouse that was much too beautiful for a child, but it had been sold quite

early in the day. One exhibitor featured a musical item called an Oasis drum, giving off a very haunting melody. A big feature this year seemed to be small magnetic tiles with cute little paintings and appropriate sayings to go along, such as a memo holder for the refrigerator featuring some food and the saying "more snacks mean wider slacks". (I should have gotten one of those for myself) I don't know who was more amused, grown-ups or children at the "Thumbbody Cartoon" booth. This crafter takes your thumbprint and then makes a darling cartoon out of it. (I didn't have to get one, my daughter got one for me)

One crafter started out years ago repairing antique dolls and became so involved with them that today she makes the reproductions herself, from pouring her own molds, painting the faces and dressing them. Really beautiful.

The art exhibits included such things as ink watercolors, scrimshaw, silk screening and calligraphy to name but a handful. There were some very unusual lampshades there that had designs pierced and sculptured on them. There was weaving, Batik, Shirret, Judaica, there were metal and pewter items, ecology boxes, shadow boxes, hand carved tables and game boards; baseball fans could have a field day at the "rock people" display which featured

various players from the Red Sox and the Yankees. There were even more things to numerous to mention.

I did stop and talk to our Agawam crafters; Barbara Huba seemed to be doing quite well with her pom-pom animals, but then they are always a favorite with everyone and especially children because aside from being a delightful creation, children can afford to purchase one. Charles and Phyllis Larson were there with a lovely selection of Charles's leaded glass works. Viola Smith seemed to be doing a lively business with her "Fleur Glace" porcelain flowers and while Jean Carpenter had her "Bow-K" flowers there, I saw her spending a lot of time going from booth to booth to spend any profits she might be making.

I talked to several other of the crafters there and it seems for the most part that they rely

on the craft shows as an outlet for their goods. There are some who have their own small shops and some do sell out of their homes and then there are the ones who have shops at their disposal such as the Country Mouse House here in Agawam, where they can leave their things to be sold on consignment.

The craft show was crowded and everyone seemed to be having a very good time. Door prizes were given away throughout the day, sandwiches and pastries made by the Sisterhood Sons of Zion were fast disappearing as was the popcorn being sold right inside the front door.

I would be hard pressed if someone asked me to pick out my favorite item or craft. If I had taken a fat wallet with me,

I would have brought it home empty. The craft show was beautiful and I did come home exhausted, but I am looking forward to next year's already.



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The Western Mass. Division, American Heart Association in conjunction with the West Springfield-Agawam Kiwanis Club and the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company, M.G. Martin Agency, will sponsor the first annual National Run For Life Day on Saturday, May 19th. This "Fun Run" will begin at 10:30 a.m. from the parking lot at 1111 Elm Street, West Springfield (home of the M.G. Martin Agency) and will cover a 5.7 mile distance through West Springfield and Agawam.

The Run For Life Day is an opportunity for people of all ages and running or jogging abilities to get out and support the Heart Association. It is not a race, but rather a run just for the fun of it. All proceeds raised from the race will benefit the research and programs of the Heart Association in its fight against the nation's number one killer, heart disease.

Applications for the run may be obtained at various sporting goods stores in the Greater Springfield area, at Stop and Shop, and at the Heart Office at 85 Oakland Street, Springfield.

For further information, call the Heart Office at 732-4121 or the M.G. Martin Agency at 733-4116.



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May Day Dinner Set for May 3rd

The Ladies Aid Society of Agawam Congregational Church will hold its annual May Day Dinner on May 3rd at the church social room at 745 Main Street. There will be two sittings, one at 5 and the other at 6:15 p.m.

Featured on the menu will be baked shad, chicken pie, mashed potatoes, peas,

cabbage salad, rolls, coffee, tea, or milk and lemon delight.

Children under 12 will be admitted at a reduced price. Accepting reservations are Mrs. Mary Knapik, apt. 5, 886 Main Street, and Mrs. Betty Brown, 662 Main Street. Reservations close May 1st.

Annual Dessert Scholarship Card Party to be Held

The Minnie R. Dwight Memorial Scholarship Committee of the Home Department of the Hampden County Improvement League is planning a dessert scholarship card party to be held Thursday, May 3rd at 7:00 p.m. at the Hampden County Improvement League Building, 1499 Memorial Avenue, West Springfield.

The scholarship fund will be supplemented with the proceeds of this county-wide event. These scholarships will be given to students who are enrolled in the School of Home Economics. Currently our recipients are Philomena Napoli of Agawam, Candance Christensen of Wilbraham and Diane Lombardini of Westfield.

Chairman of the card party is Mrs. Helen Chrzanowski of Westfield and will be assisted by Mrs. E.R. Jenny of West Springfield and Mrs. Marie Franklin of Springfield. Mrs. Wilma Gillen of Agawam is in charge of refreshments; Miss Helen Ann Chrzanowski of Westfield, decorations; Mrs. Marie Lombardini of Westfield, door prizes; Mrs. Emilie Samplatsky of Westfield, table prizes; Mrs. Zoafia Demko of Agawam, publicity; and MSrs. Theresa White of Chicopee, white elephant.

Tickets may be obtained by contacting Mrs. Jenny or Mrs. Franklin, or may be purchased at the door. Many door prizes will be given and the public is invited to attend.



Robinson Carnival Planned

The Robinson Park School PTO will once again this year sponsor its annual Family Fun Carnival on Saturday, May 5 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the school.

There will be many penny-carnival type games to play and popcorn and cold drinks will be available all day. By special request, luncheon grinders and sandwiches will also be available from 11 to 1 o'clock.

In addition to the fun-filled games, a booth featuring good secondhand books, both children's and paperbacks, will be set up that day. A very small price will be asked for these books in an attempt to encourage both students and adults to read more.

Be sure to set the date of May 5th aside on your calendars so as not to miss this very exciting event.

Newcomers Tag & Craft Sale

Agawam-West Springfield Newcomers Club will sponsor an Arts, Crafts, and Tag Sale on April 28th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 707 River Road, Agawam.

Club members will provide items for this event and proceeds will be used to continue the club's benefit programs for the community throughout the year.

Southwick Shoe Party

The Southwick Senior Citizens Tenant Association of Southwick will hold a ladies shoe party on Monday, May 7th. The party will be held at the Depot Court Community Hall and will begin at 6 p.m.

All are urged to attend. Free refreshments will be served. All shoes will be \$8.00 per pair.

AHS Student Will Perform At Bell Concert Festival

Donna Toon, presently a junior at Agawam High School, will perform at the sixteenth annual "Spring Bell Concert Festival" to be held on Saturday, April 28 at 3 p.m. in Newington, Connecticut at the Church of Christ Congregation.

Also performing will be eight other bell choir groups from Connecticut, all playing selections together and as individual groups. The event is open to the public.

Miss Toon, who is a member of the Agawam High School Band, will accompany the Chancel Ringers of the United Methodist Church of Hazardville, Connecticut. She will play the flute to their chosen selection of *Dialogue*.

Under the direction of Mrs. Juanita Almond, the Chancel Ringers began as a group last October. Miss Toon studies the flute under Mr. Aaram Bedrossian of West Springfield.

Record Hop To Benefit Heart Assoc.

The Western Massachusetts Division of the American Heart Association in conjunction with the Silver Carriage Inn, 1520 Main Street, Agawam, will sponsor a "50's, 60's, 70's Record Hop" on Friday, April 27th from 9 to 1.

Virgo Jack will deejay the evening, which will include free hors d'oeuvres, dancing, contests, and prizes. Tickets are \$3 and are tax deductible. They are available at the door or beforehand at the Silver Carriage Inn (786-0265) or the Heart Office (732-4121).

Oldies Dance To Be Held

The Southwick Chapter of Mass. Citizens for Life will be holding an "Oldies But Goodies" dance on Saturday, April 21 from 8 to 1 at the Polish-American Club on Southwick Street (route 57), Feeding Hills.

Disc jockey Dick Boyle will play favorite records. Tickets may be purchased in advance by calling Mrs. Terry Hanley, 569-5836, or Mrs. Melodie Charbonneau, 569-5495. Tickets will be \$3 per person and will also be available at the door.

Spring Smorgasbord

The United Women's Fellowship of the Agawam Baptist Church will hold a Spring Smorgasbord on Saturday, May 5th. There will be two sittings: one at 5:00 and the other at 6:15 p.m.

The menu will consist of fruit cup, home-baked beans, baked ham, turkey, Swedish meatballs, deviled eggs, American chop suey, beets, green bean casserole, sauerkraut, potato salad, sunshine salad, tossed salad, relish tray, assorted homemade pies, rolls, coffee, tea, or milk.

Tickets are priced at \$3.50 for adults and \$1.50 for children under 12. For reservations, call 786-7123 or 786-1635.

A.F.S. Tag Sale

On Sunday, April 29, there will be a Tag and Craft Sale at the Food Mart parking lot in Agawam. This event will be sponsored by the Agawam chapter of the American Field Service (A.F.S.) with proceeds to go to their scholarship fund.

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
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Local Artists to Exhibit

The works of two local Abstract Expressionist painters will be exhibited at the Baracca Gallery, 197 Pantry Road, North Hatfield, from April 22 to May 28.

James and Marcia Reed Hendricks of Florence, Mass., will present their most recent work in a striking display of color and apparent motion.

Marcia Reed Hendricks, formerly of Agawam and a graduate of the University of Massachusetts, is currently a member of the Fine Arts faculty at Williston-Norhampton School. She is an instructor of painting, graphics, and humanities as well as assistant to Williston's theater department.

Her paintings have been exhibited at the Springfield Museum of Fine Arts; the Pisces Gallery in Wellfleet; the Adirondack Artists Association, Lake Placid, New York; the Wisteriahurst Museum, Holvoke; the

Thronja Gallery, Agawam; and the Herter Gallery at UMASS. She has also been represented by a gallery in Yonkers, New York, and has had a one-man show at the Springfield Quadrangle Library.

James Hendricks is a professor of painting at the University of Massachusetts. He received his MFA from the University of Iowa after completing undergraduate work at the University of Arkansas.

His work has been exhibited at the Smithsonian Institute's National Air and Space Museum; the Sunne Savage Gallery in Boston; the Warren Benedek Gallery,

New York; and the Lamont Gallery, Philip Exeter Academy, New Hampshire.

Works of his are also found in the collections of Time, Inc. of New York, First National Bank of Boston, and the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C. among many others.

Baracca Gallery's regular hours are 1-5 p.m. Friday through Sunday. This exhibition will open Sunday, April 22 with a reception from 2-5 p.m. The public is invited to meet the artists.

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Central Library Dedicated



Paul Fieldstad, left, chairman of the Library Building Committee and Architect Alfred Cassella are shown with dedication plaque in foyer of the new Agawam Central Library on Cooper Street. photo by Jack Devine



The Polish American Club donated this world globe to the new Library. Pictured above, from left, are: Julie Ann Kozirowski, Julia W. Kozirowski, William Janulewicz, Sr., president of the PAC., Councilor Paul Fieldstad, and Librarian Donna Campbell. photo by Jack Devine



Rotary Club President Dave DeLancey presented Donna Campbell with this stereo system to be used by the library.



The Agawam Jr. Women's Club donated this phonograph to the library. Shown above are club members Nancy Rosner, Nancy Farrell, Librarian Donna Campbell, and Penny Stone. photo by Jack Devine

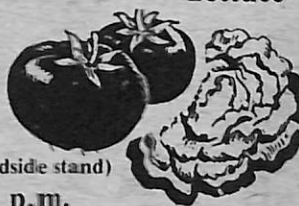
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The Kiddieland Zoo at Forest Park, operated by the Zoological Society, opened for the season on Sunday, April 22. Admission to Kiddieland is 25c per person over 6 years of age and 10c per child accompanied by his parent. The Kiddieland Express began operation on April 15th. There will be many changes in exhibits and new exhibits will be added as the season progresses. The Kiddieland Express and Zoo hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sundays and holidays.

Kiddie Zoo Now Open

Reservations for tours at Kiddieland Zoo for school groups are now being accepted and may be made by calling 733-2251.

Bike-N-Hike Will Be Held

Saturday, April 28, at 9 a.m. starting at Longmeadow High School and following a five-mile circular route, between 300 and 500 participants will join the second annual Bike-n-Hike event to support the work of the Lung Association.

The Western Mass. Lung Association conducts educational programs for school children on the hazards of smoking, lung screening clinics for the general public, fights for clean air, programs on asthma, emphysema, choking, and other respiratory problems. The Springfield Life Underwriters Association will help provide volunteers for the Bike-n-Hike-n-Jog event.

All participants are asked to obtain a sponsor booklet in advance of the event by calling the Lung Association. No collection of money will be done by participants. For further information, contact the Lung Association at 737-3506.

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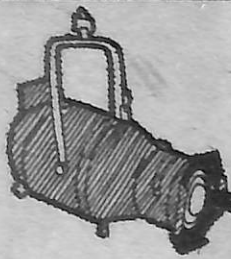
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Spotlight on Business

Agawam residents Arthur Orlosk, Patricia Orlosk, Andrea Moccio and William Moccio have taken over the operation of Coast of Maine Sea Food located at 24 School Street, Westfield, Mass.

With 25 years of family experience behind them, the younger generation is now taking over the operation of

this fine seafood restaurant. Fresh fish is featured, including take out orders, and Wednesday and Thursday specials include Fish & Chips for \$1.19 and Fish Cakes & Beans for 99c.

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Little Settlers

A recent addition to the group of businesses in the Colonial Shoppes on Southwick Street in Feeding Hills is Little Settlers. Owned and operated by Susan Lathrop, Little Settlers opened for business a year ago in Southwick and has recently relocated to 37 Southwick Street in order to be closer to the majority of their clientele.

Little Settlers features children's clothing with their motto being "Fashions for Dress and Clothes for Play." They carry sizes beginning at layette and through 14. They deal with name brands such as Rob Roy and Wonderalls, as well as some new-to-the-area names like Ruth Scharf and New Moon Kids.

Along with their special selection of clothing, Little Settlers also handles hand-made accessories made by local people, other accessories, and stuffed toys.

The store itself is designed for providing the maximum of ease in shopping for busy mothers. A play area including playpen and toys to which kids can go leaving their mothers free to shop has been set up in a designated section of the store. Sue Lathrop says that from the comments of mothers who come to her store, this is a very definite plus which harried mothers appreciate.

The Colonial Shoppes area has free parking and a location convenient to many

neighboring towns. The knowledgeable, helpful personnel at Little Settlers also add much to what sometimes is a very difficult shopping chore.

Why not try Little Settlers the next time you are in the market for children's clothing or a special baby gift?

Lawn Care Information Available

Spring has come and with it comes the time to get your lawn in shape. For those do-it-yourselfers who may have questions about lawn care, the Cooperative Extension Service is available to help.

Informational sheets are now available including those entitled as follows: *Lawn*

Maintenance, Japanese Beetle Grub Control, Moss and Algae in Lawns, Steep Slopes Don't have to be a Problem, Toadstools and Mushrooms in Lawns, and Thatch and its Control.

To obtain this information, write to Hampden County Extension Service, Agricultural Dept., 1499 Memorial Ave., West Springfield, MA 01089 or call 736-7204.

Kunasek Invited To Conference

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From left to right: Arthur Orlosk, Patricia Orlosk, Andrea Moccio, and William Moccio. photo by Jack Devine



The 'The Outpost' a new lounge and restaurant located at 1664 Main Street, across from Riverside Park is owned and operated by the Mazza family. Shown above at the recent grand opening is, front row Joey Mazza, Nancy Mazza, Town Manager Peter Caputo, Carm Mazza, Joe Mazza holding baby Anthony Mazza. Back row: Agawam Police Chief Stanley Chmielewski, Councilor Dennis Roberts, Frank Caroleo, and Building Inspector Joe Conte. photo by Jack Devine

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Editorials

An Observation

by Gail Lonetto

During the last year Agawam has voted down or discouraged every attempt by both local and out of town developers to develop or upgrade parcels of land in Agawam.

One local developer, Carlo Bonavita, tried four separate times with four different proposals to develop a single parcel of land owned by him on the corner of Silver and Suffield Sts. The first proposal for the Silver-Suffield St. property was for a shopping center which was defeated by a 9-6 vote of the council. Next, Bonavita proposed a condominium project on this property. That proposal was defeated by a 7-6 vote of the council. Undaunted, Bonavita then tried the shopping center proposal again, which went down to defeat 8-6 with 1 abstaining vote. Not believing in the old adage, "three strikes and you're out", Bonavita's fourth and most recent attempt concerned a proposal for a shopping mall. This too was shot down by a 13-1, 1 abstaining, vote.

The developers interested in renovating the old race-track located in Agawam, withdrew their proposal after weeks of bitter controversy. The land on Silver Street remains, littered and empty, and absolutely useless to Agawam in its present condition.

Finally, this week, local builder Frank Solitario threw in the towel and withdrew his proposal for a condominium complex at the corner of South and Suffield Streets. Solitario still intends to purchase the 96 acre tract of land and rumor has it that he plans to begin construction of a 250 unit trailer park in the very near future, a plan which needs no consenting council vote. One way or another, he plans to make money from the 96 acre parcel of land, as does any businessman who owns a potentially valuable piece of property.

Until this point Agawam has maintained a fairly stable tax base with tax revenues from single family dwellings and the many small businesses in town. We will shortly, however, find ourselves in a very different situation concerning the tax base. If Agawam's anti-business, anti-industry attitude continues, the tax-base will fall squarely on the homeowner, leading to spiraling taxes.

Fiscal 79 in Agawam will probably show a slight decrease in taxes if present predictions are correct. Agawam could easily fall into a false security, reasoning that we didn't need all that new business blighting our beautiful homes after all. But what about next year and the year after that and the year after that? Can we continue to cut services in town year after year to keep our taxes affordable?

As the population in Agawam continues to increase, the services of the town must increase also. More people require more homes, more homes require more streets, sewers, and water pipes. Fire and police protection must be increased, and so too, the educational system. Providing these services to meet the demands of an increasing population is going to cause the taxes to go up. In a few years Agawam is not going to have the luxury of cutting services to help hold the tax rate, instead it will be necessary to increase services to meet the needs of an increased population. If we continue to discourage new business away from Agawam, we are not going to be able to afford to live in Agawam. It will have to become a community of the elite because the average working man and his family are not going to be able to pay the necessary taxes.

We do not want our taxes to increase and yet continually say no to the very things that will allow our taxes to remain stable. Maybe it is time for Agawam's leaders and the people they represent to stop saying no and start saying yes, before it is too late.



LETTERS

TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

On April 18, 1979, the *Springfield Union* wrote a commentary by "ACT" and their reasons for opposing the Feeding Hills business park. I feel their "6" reasons must be addressed and hopefully put this whole subject to bed.

A "city" in Feeding Hills is not proposed, rather a medical, retail, financial center within a well-planned office park. Can't we as taxpayers have one well-planned area?

No guarantee from the developer? He has offered a guarantee and legally tied it to the land, what's next?

\$40-50,000 homes in the area? Maybe, and with this park, I hope they go to \$80-90,000. It's about time someone in town made some money.

The master plan? No one knows if this plan is right; if we feel it is, let's make it law.

The industrial park? Pardon me while I laugh! Let's buy it, develop it, and own it if it's so good. Anybody ready to spend \$10-12 million of our taxpayers money?

Additional water and sewer

costs to Agawam? We all know a developer must put in all of their own utilities, then they pay for services as we all do. I hear Agawam received about \$150,000 of work in our town streets FREE with Pheasant Hill!

Let's be realistic. Agawam needs jobs, and we must have these facilities in town for our people. "ACT" should come up with some alternatives for us taxpayers, maybe some money to fix our roads and schools, expand our youth programs, create jobs and stabilize taxes. How about 6 good points on that!!

A. F. Grise
Main Street, Agawam

To the Editor:

The direction of the future growth of our town may well be determined this week by our council, on the basis of two zoning requests by two Agawam developers, one in each end of town. Hopefully, our elected officials will represent the entire town of Agawam in their vote, not any special interest group with some axe to grind.

From the State House

by Rep. Edward W. Connelly
Third Hampden District

JOB LOTTERY...

Summer is almost upon us and along with it the state summer jobs program. Unfortunately, this year fewer state-funded summer jobs are available and the present system of filling those openings is lacking.

That's why I supported a bill in the House of Representatives this week that reinstitutes a lottery system for the selection of employees in the state's summer jobs program.

A lottery system would eliminate the potential for political patronage and will give qualified applicants an equal chance at a job regardless of who they know.

TOUGH COMPETITION...

Since there are half as many openings this year as there were last year, competition will be great. A lottery system would serve as an equalizer for those applicants in the running.

In 1978, the summer Youth Employment Program had 4,500 job openings for youths. This year, it is expected that only 2,000 openings will be available. In 1978, the applicants for the summer jobs program were selected by a lottery system. This year, unless this bill is passed, no such system will exist. Presently, potential employees are being chosen from a computer, being interviewed and hired. The minimum age requirement for an applicant is 16. There is no maximum age requirement. There is also no financial requirement for applicants.

NO PATRONAGE...

The lottery system would insure that qualified applicants have a fair shot at each job opening. It would

eliminate any potential for favoritism or political patronage. It would be a shame if this worthwhile program was administered in any other way.

DRINKING AGE...

Now that the drinking age has been increased, here are some tips for those involved in the distribution of alcohol.

1. Employers can still hire 18-year olds to work as bartenders, waiters and waitresses and in any other positions in the direct handling of alcoholic beverages. Persons under 18 can be employed provided they do not directly handle alcoholic beverages.

2. A fine of \$300 will apply for any person under 20 years of age who willfully misrepresents his age, altering, defacing or otherwise falsifying his identification.

3. Employers or employees who reasonably rely on identification for proof of age of those buying alcohol will not suffer any modification, suspension, revocation or cancellation of their liquor license nor shall they suffer any criminal liability for deliveries or selling alcoholic beverages to those under 20 years of age.

4. Good insurance against serving minors under 20 years: hire waiters or waitresses 18 or 19 since they can spot their own age.

5. Senate President William Bulger and House Speaker Thomas McGee have appointed a 17-member special commission for the purpose of making an investigation into the possibilities of educating youth on alcohol abuse in the public school system. The report is expected in July, 1979.

I congratulate the *Advertiser* for their splendid interview with several of our representatives in the April 17, 1979 edition. It gives you a feel for their concerns and their ideas for Agawam's growth; however, I am appalled at the many references to our "industrial" park, all of a sudden a cure-all for any potential ills.

Our industrial park has been a failure for several very good and logical reasons:

- (1) Multiple ownership of land
- (2) No promotion (who cares)
- (3) No incentive from the town

Let's be realistic. For this industrial park to be successful, our Town Fathers must buy the land (with tax dollars), hire a professional promoter, and give some incentives to potential tenants. Can you imagine the prohibitive cost to all of us on a multimillion dollar gamble? Just envision a \$30-40,000 per year promoter with expenses, offices, and staff on a gamble? Sorry, I can't afford that risk.

Call any three realtors in town and ask them for 30 acres of business-zoned land. They will tell you we have none, go to Connecticut, Westfield, West Springfield, or Northampton; land there is zoned. Ask about our industrial park, and they will tell you the land is too fragmented and, with the proposed Northeast Utility substation, it is less desirable.

It seems the idea behind the industrial park was good, but we need the private sector to make it successful.

Agawam's most valuable asset is its children, and its second is its land. We, as responsible citizens, must keep our assets and make them both as productive as possible; we are losing them both at a dangerous pace. (Our high school grads leave!)

Logic would dictate that we support a combination "office and business park" with a control factor to help us and the developer, with all of us making it successful. I'd sort of like to cut my travel expenses, get my youngsters a part-time job, and who knows, maybe my wife would like to work a little part-time also. Travel wouldn't be a factor any longer.

I would not only like to see the council give this proposal a positive vote. How about several of them being active advisors to it and help promote it! We have some good business heads on our council; that's why we elected them. They could really help all Agawam citizens now, before we paint ourselves into a corner. Cutting taxes by cutting services is not my cup of tea. What goes next, trash pickup, senior citizens center, town employees? I hope not; I have gotten too used to them: **Eddie Connors**

S. Westfield St., Feeding Hills

From The Editors Desk

By Pat Guevin



Win free Red Sox tickets!! That's the theme of our latest subscription drive, and we were really excited about it. Each week, beginning May 8th, we will draw the name of one of our subscribers and give him, or her, two free tickets to see the Red Sox play at Fenway Park. On June 5th we will conduct a grand prize drawing of two free tickets to see the Red Sox play the Yankees at Yankee Stadium - including round trip bus fare! So tell your friends to get their subscription forms in right away! By doing so they not only support their local hometown newspaper, but they will have a chance to see the Red Sox play-on us!! All subscribers will be eligible, so if you're already a subscriber, have no fear, your name will be included in the drawing also.

Next week we're planning to publish a very special issue. I don't want to give away the surprise, but urge all your friends and neighbors to get a copy of the *Advertiser/News* - you (or they) may be surprised!!

I would just like to remind everyone to attend Wednesday nights public hearing on the Beltrandi business park proposal. Pro or con, your voice should be heard. Your councilors need your input in order to make the best decision for ALL residents in Agawam - Please be there!!

Public Hearing

There will be a public hearing on Wednesday, April 25, 1979 at 8:00 p.m. in Agawam Junior High School auditorium, Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, Mass. on the Beltrandi zone change.

School Committee Meeting

The Agawam School Committee will hold a meeting in the office of the Superintendent of Schools, 1305 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, on Tuesday, April 24, 1979 at 7:00 p.m.

Conservation Commission Meeting

The Agawam Conservation Commission will meet on Thursday, April 26, 1979 in the Town Hall Hearing Room, 36 Main Street.

Board Of Health Meeting

There will be a Board of Health meeting on Thursday, April 26 at 7:45 p.m. in the Health Department office, 36 Main Street, Agawam.

Jaycees Forum First of Series

by Rita White

The Agawam Jaycees are to be commended for their presentation on April 16 of a forum on the Kennedy Assassination, featuring John Gordon as the lecturer.

On November 22, 1963, millions of Americans sat in front of their T.V. sets, stunned, watching the replays of one of this country's greatest tragedies.

Had the great Greek tragedian, Euripides been alive, he could not have contrived a better script. Not just the assassination of a president, but perhaps one of the most involved conspiracies of all times.

Fifteen and a half years later the tragedy continues as the American people are still being fed the political pap concerning that infamous day.

But not everyone has accepted the Whitewash Commission's (oh excuse me!), the Warren Commission's report, nor are they too pleased with what will apparently be the findings of the latest Senate investigations.

The assassination of President John F. Kennedy is not just a page in the history books. There are presently two colleges in the country, with perhaps more to come, that offer a course on the Kennedy Assassination. One

of those courses is taught right here in our locale at Western New England College. John H. Gordon, Assistant Director of Admissions there teaches this course and was the Jaycees guest speaker.

Gordon's audience at the forum must have been astonished at the amount of misinformation that has been given out to the American public by our supposed prominent government officials. The cover up in the Kennedy Assassination is so obvious, so wide-spread as to be terrifying.

Mr. Gordon does not attempt to sway his audience to his beliefs by simply presenting his own viewpoint. He has films, slides and testimonies from various concerned individuals involved in the case to back up his claims. Monday's lecture lasted close to two and a half hours and had it not been so late, I'm sure would have continued much longer.

The Jaycees hope that this forum will be the first of a series. Anyone interested in preserving some sense of the dignity and the fundamentals of truth that America is supposed to stand for, is urged to contact Mr. Ted Zern, president of the Agawam Jaycees. There are many more topics that could stand some public interest and some exposure to the light of day.



Attend the Services of Your Choice This Week

We will be running this column weekly to inform you of the hours of services at your house of worship. Activities at your parish hall will also be listed. If you would like to see other information about your church send them into this newspaper or contact your parish leader who is responsible for publicity. This information is furnished as a public service.

AGAWAM BAPTIST CHURCH

760 Main Street
Agawam - 786-7300
Rev. Donald Morris

Sundays: Worship 9:30 a.m.; Jr. Church, 10:00 a.m.; Church School Classes, 10:30 a.m.; Jr. Hi BYF 3:30 p.m.; Sr. High BYF, 4:45 p.m.

AGAWAM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

745 Main Street, Agawam
786-7111
Rev. Floyd Bryan

Sundays: Church School grades 7-12, 9:15 a.m.; Church School crib - 6th grade, 10:30 a.m.; Worship Service 10:30 a.m.; Jr. Pilgrim Fellowship, 6 p.m.
Wednesday evenings at 7:30 - Prayer Group meeting

AGAWAM METHODIST CHURCH

459 Mill Street, Agawam
786-4174 (church) 786-5278 (parsonage)
Rev. Paul D. Woodbury, Jr.

Sunday Church Service 9:30 a.m. Church School 9:30 a.m.

FEEDING HILLS BIBLE CHURCH

18 So. Westfield St., Feeding Hills
786-1681

FEEDING HILLS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

21 No. Westfield St., Feeding Hills
786-5061
Rev. Wilbur Sadlier

Sundays: Service 10 a.m.; Church school 9:30 a.m.

SACRED HEART CHURCH (Roman Catholic)

1059 Springfield St., Feeding Hills
786-3445
Fr. Joseph Flood
Fr. Paul Burns

Masses: Saturdays at 4 and 6 p.m.; Sundays at 7:30, 9:00, and 11:00 a.m.

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA (Roman Catholic)

Maple Street, Agawam
786-3724
Fr. Joseph Fellin

Masses: Saturdays at 4 and 6:30 p.m.; Sundays at 9:30 and 10:45 a.m.

ST. DAVID'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

522 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills
786-9545
Rev. Bruce Benschoff

Sundays: Services at 8 and 10 a.m., and at 5:30 p.m. Church school and nursery at 10:00 a.m.
Bible Study Group Sundays at 7 p.m. in the parish hall.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST (Roman Catholic)

843 Main Street, Agawam
786-8105
Fr. Karl Huller

Masses: Saturdays at 4 and 6:15 p.m.; Sundays at 7, 8, 9:15, 10:30, and 11:45 a.m.

ST. THERESA OF THE INFANT JESUS (Roman Catholic)

74 Bridge Street, Agawam
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Fr. Robert R. Choquette

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VALLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH

152 So. Westfield St., Feeding Hills
786-3057
Rev. Frank Dunn

Sunday services at 10 a.m.; Church school at 10 a.m.

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Below is a list of members of the Agawam Town Council, their addresses and their telephone numbers. This list is published as a public service by this newspaper for use by the citizens of Agawam.

COUNCILMEN AT LARGE		
Robert DeForge	786-0204	63 Clematis Rd.
Stephen Cincotta	786-2772	72 Joanne Circle
Floyd L. Landers	786-2964	907 North St.

PRECINCT MEMBERS		
Precinct 1		
Francis A. Colli	786-4793	128 Maple St.
Frederick Nardi	786-6068	575 North St.
Precinct 2		
William B. Herd, Jr.	786-3626	19 Clover Hill Dr.
John McNamara, Jr.	786-2008	5 Elmar Dr.
Precinct 3		
John F. Bartnik	786-5782	45 Sequoia D.
Kenneth J. Barnes	786-0222	22 Wrenwood Lane
Precinct 4		
Alfred T. Serra	786-1494	61 Valentine Ter.
Richard M. Theroux	786-2526	30 Ley St.
Precinct 5		
Donald Laduzenski	786-1259	14 Plantation Dr.
Paul Paleologopoulos	786-6825	1411 Main St.
Precinct 6		
Paul M. Fieldstad	786-6830	7 Oxford St.
Dennis M. Roberts	786-4231	61 Arbor Lane

REQUEST FOR BIDS

The Agawam Housing Authority is selling 40 10-cubic foot G.E. refrigerators previously used in elderly housing. If interested, submit bid for any number up to 40 in a sealed envelope marked on outside "Refrigerator Bid" to: AGAWAM HOUSING AUTHORITY
Meadowbrook Manor
Agawam, Mass. 01001
Bid deadline, May 10, 1979

Spring Clean-Up Schedule

The Agawam Department of Public Works wishes to announce to the residents of Agawam that the annual Spring Clean-Up will be conducted April 30 through May 10. The Clean-Up collection will be on the same date as the regular bi-weekly rubbish collection.

The materials to be collected in the Spring Clean-Up should be placed on the treebelt separate and apart from the regular household rubbish, and different vehicles will be used for the two collections.

Materials to be collected in the Spring Clean-Up are solid wastes including, but not limited to, rubber tires, automobile parts, demolition waste, plumbing fixtures, furniture, mattresses, bedsprings, refrigerators, stoves, water heaters, metal pipes, and other bulky wastes.

Materials specifically EXCLUDED from this special collection are garbage, automobile chassis, bodies and motors, tree stumps, and branches.

Materials to be collected must be on the treebelt by 7 a.m. of the collection day. All small or loose items must be placed in plastic bags or in containers having a maximum capacity of 30 gallons.

The schedule for the collection is as follows:

April 30: Route 5
May 1: Route 6
May 2: Route 7
May 3: Route 8
May 7: Route 1
May 8: Route 2
May 9: Route 3
May 10: Route 4

Copies of photos appearing in this issue may be obtained by calling Jack Devine at 789-0053.

Legal Notices Accepted

The Agawam Advertiser/News is a legally recognized publication for Legal Notices.

Mr. John O'Brien, Registrar of Probate in Springfield and Hampden County has officially announced our acceptance by his office to publish Legal Notices for the Agawam/Feeding Hills and Southwick areas. We are pleased to call this to the attention of the legal profession and the citizens of Agawam. We encourage the use of our paper for Probate matters, Town Hearings, Lost Passbooks, and other legal notifications.

LEGAL NOTICE

By virtue of and in execution of the power of sale contained in a certain mortgage given by HAROLD N. CARBONNEAU, husband and wife, both of Agawam, Hampden County, Massachusetts, to WESTFIELD SAVINGS BANK, and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 4483, Page 141, and dated September 14, 1977, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, there will be sold at public auction at nine o'clock a.m. on Thursday, May 17, 1979 on the premises hereinafter described, all and singular the premises conveyed by said mortgage, said premises being therein described substantially as follows, to wit:

"a certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon situated in AGAWAM, Hampden County, Massachusetts, being designated as Lots 3 (three) and 4 (four) both as shown on the plan entitled "Agawam, Mass., Plan of Lots for Tobacco Farms Company" dated February 14, 1974 as recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book of Plans 150, Page 9, said lots being bounded and described in one parcel as follows:

WESTERLY, by South West Street, as shown on said plan, by an irregular line, Two Hundred Forty Two and 00/100 (242.00) feet;
NORTHERLY, by Lot 2 (two) as shown on said plan, Two Hundred Forty Six and 66/100 (246.66) feet;
EASTERLY, by land of owners unknown by an irregular line, Three Hundred Thirteen and 61/100 (313.61) feet; and
SOUTHERLY, by land now or formerly of Gerald Satkowski, by an irregular line, Three Hundred Fifty Six and 92/100 (356.92) feet.

Being the same premises conveyed to us by Chester J. Nicora, Jr. by deed to be recorded in said Registry of Deeds herewith.

Including as part of the realty all portable or sectional buildings at any time placed upon said premises and all elevators, pipes, oil burners, furnaces, heaters, hot water heaters, ranges, refrigerators, refrigerating apparatus, plumbing, gas and electric fixtures, screens, screen doors, storm doors and windows, mantels, shades, awnings, and all other fixtures of whatever kind and nature at present or hereafter installed in or on the granted premises which renders such articles usable in connection therewith so far as the same are or can be agreement of parties be made a part of the realty."

The above premises will be sold subject to all outstanding municipal taxes, tax titles, assessment or liens, if any.
One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) will be required to be paid in cash, bank check, or certified check by the purchaser at the time and place of sale as earnest money; other terms to be announced at the sale.

WESTFIELD SAVINGS BANK
by Thomas J. Howard, Jr.
Its Treasurer

Westfield, MA
April 11, 1979
Scharoff and Smith, P.C., Attorneys

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- Unemployment Card
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- Proof of last date of employment if necessary

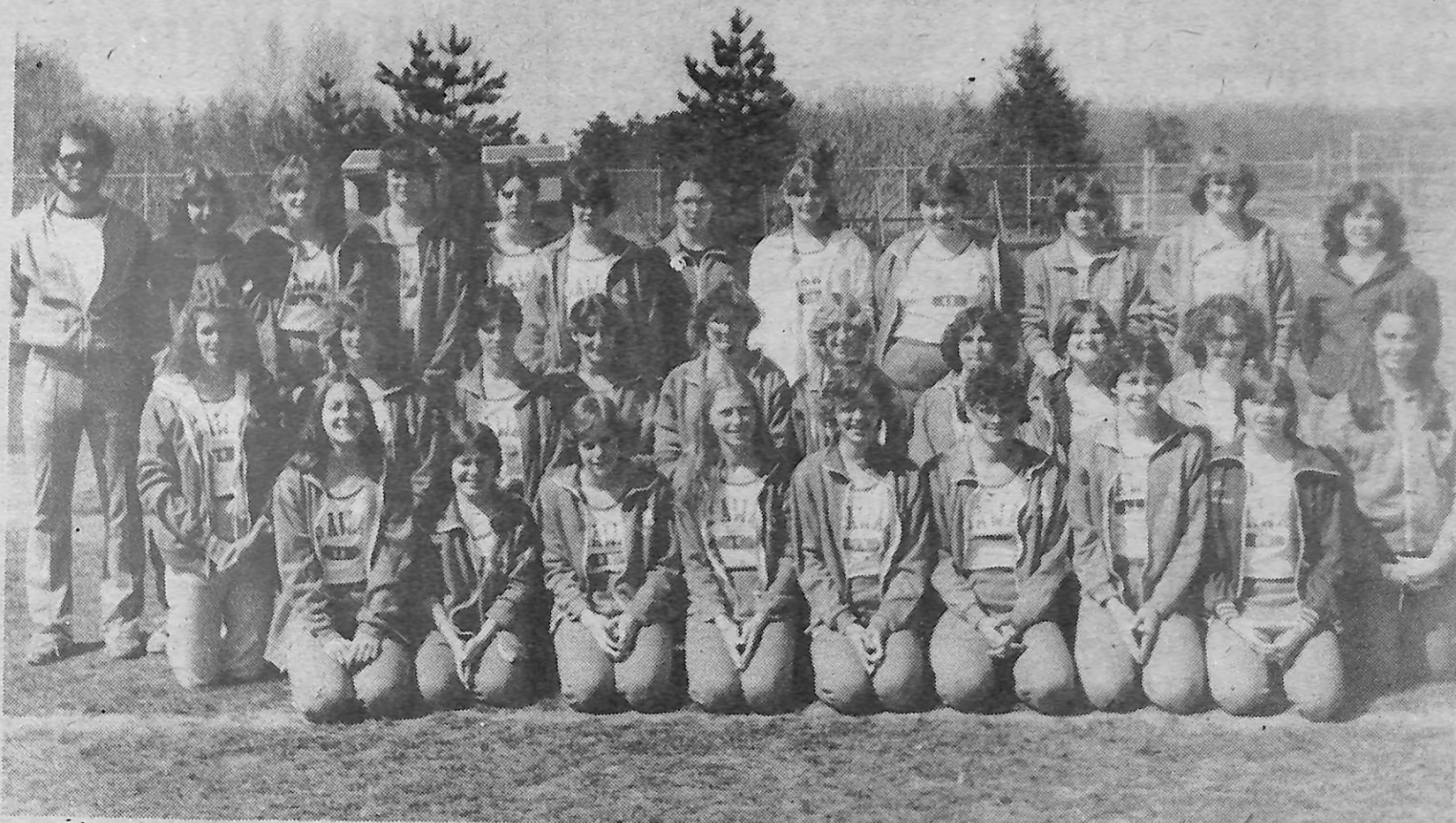
Qualified candidates will be referred to jobs immediately - on a first come, first served basis.

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For information call: Beverly Drewnowski at 786-0400, Ext. 238, 9 am - 4 pm

Sports



The Agawam Girls Track team is pictured above. Front row, left to right: Lo, Lisa Allen, Donna Regnier, Freida Bauman, Dana Moraski, Captain Lisa Impoco, Pam Berube, and Betty Lombardo. Second row, same order: Kathy Sepplacy, Lori Krolicki, Donna Phillips, Natalie Richie, Karen Vangness, Cathy Curran, Anna Scidero, Bernie Wilson, Mary Taupier, and Kathy Nicora. Third row: Coach Paul Blodgett, Chris Libortory, Joanne Landers, Karen Barr, Ann Sherry, Denise Murray, Anna Iacola, Tracy Brown, Patty Smith, Anna Pilero, Ann Taupier, and Coach Lorraine Greguoli.
photo by Jack Devine

Pre-Season Tennis Clinic

The Agawam Family Outdoor Center, a facility of the Metropolitan Springfield YMCA, will conduct a special Pre-Season Tennis Clinic beginning Saturday, April 28th and running for six Saturdays.

The courts will be open for your use from 10 a.m. to noon. A total of 1½ hours of lessons is included, spread over the six week period, provided by Rudy Altobelli.

Cost is \$10 per person, 16 years of age and over only. Anyone wishing to join the Family Center for the summer may apply the cost of the clinic to their membership. Summer memberships are \$95 per family; \$60 per individual adult.

If you are interested in the Tennis Clinic or summer membership, please call the Metropolitan Springfield YMCA at 739-6951, ext. 252 and ask for Vi Hammond.

Skating Show Slated

The Skating Club of Springfield will present its 6th annual Spring exhibition on Saturday, May 12 at West Springfield's Olympia Skating Rink.

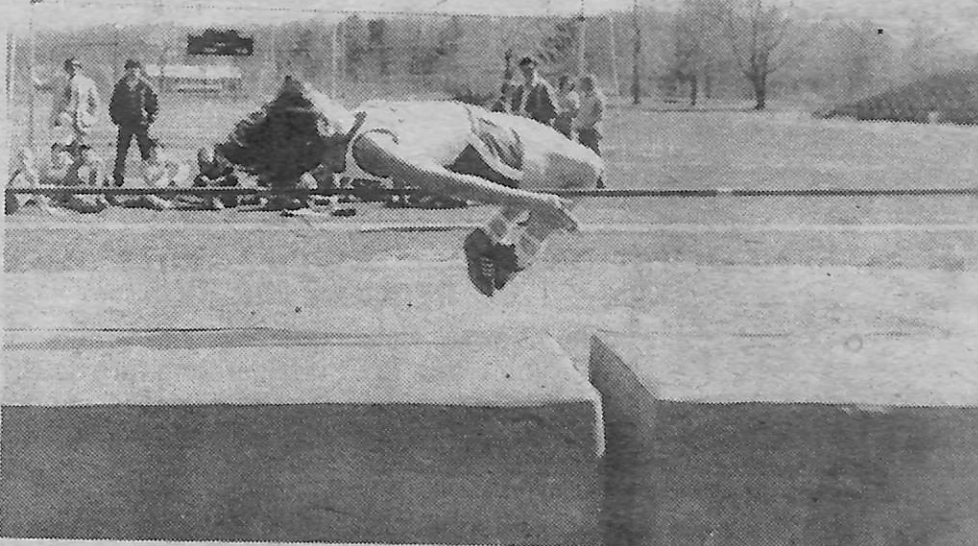
Showtime for *Stars on Skates* is 7:30 p.m. with group productions and solo numbers depicting Broadway and popular music themes.

The show will feature club members: area skaters, aged 6-25; and three Boston area skaters as guest stars.

Sheryl Franks and Michael Botticelli of the Boston Skating Club, World competitors for the past three years, were Eastern Pairs gold medalists '77-'79 and received bronze medals for U.S. National Senior Pairs '77-'79. Also appearing will be '79 National Junior Men's competitor Timothy Murphy, also from the Boston Skating Club.

The purpose of Springfield's Skating Club is to promote figure skating in the area and provide members with ice time and professional instruction through the eight levels of competency.

The public is encouraged to attend and tickets for the show are available at the door.



Up and over goes Natalie Richie. photo by Jack Devine

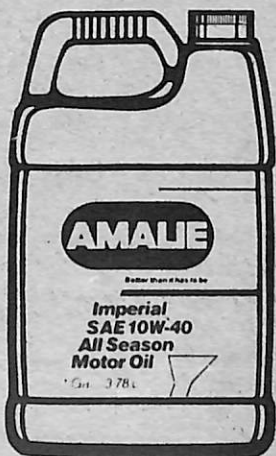
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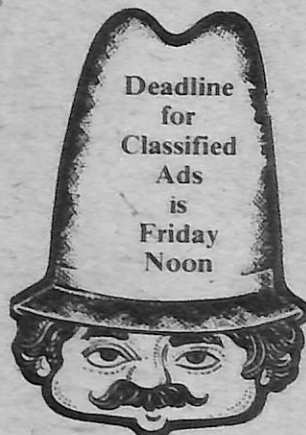
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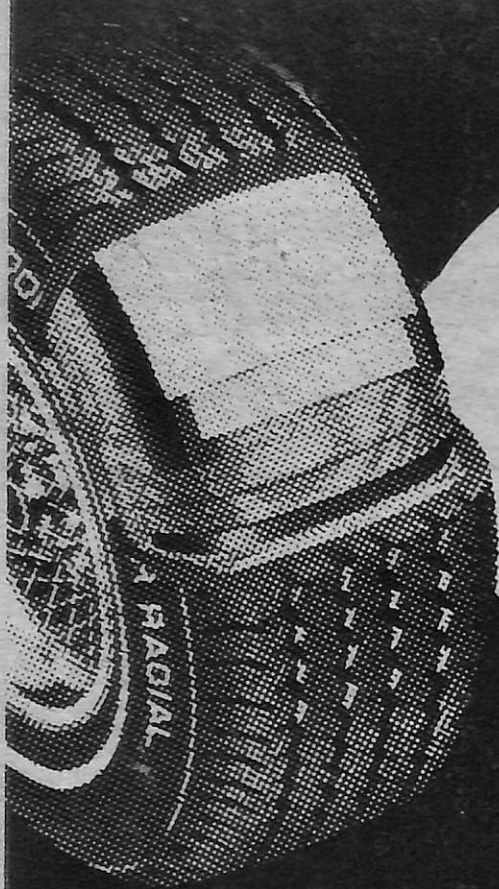
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Beauty on Canvas and in a Soul

by Rita White

Will Rodgers is credited with saying "he never met a man he didn't like. To date, I haven't met a craftsman I don't like."

Perhaps the reason that I find craftspeople so affable is that to be as good as they are in their crafts, they must have a pretty good handle on their personal lives.

A perfect example of this is Penny Hewitt of Agawam.

The excellence of Penny's craft speaks for itself. Penny is a very talented artist. Just don't stand too close when Penny has a paint brush in hand, she'll paint on anything. Her favorite background right now is slate, but she does paint on canvas, wood and has even done a couple of Volkswagen hoods.

Penny began painting as a child like the rest of with paint-by-numbers. But Penny took up where we left off. There was always extra paint left over and no more picture, so Penny started doing "her

own thing". Seeing her work, it's hard to believe she has had no formal training, but her techniques and style are all her own.

Penny loves her painting, doing it for enjoyment and saying it's a wonderful release of tension.

Penny doesn't do the craft show circuit as there never seems to be enough time to create the needed amount of work for a show. Her main outlet is the Mouse House in Agawam, which Penny says she "gives a lot of thanks to for supplying an outlet." As Penny says, you can only give just so many hand painted gifts to your relatives and friends.

Penny does other crafts for personal pleasure such as crocheting, macrame, ceramics, dried flower arranging to name a few. Her ultimate goal in life is to "at least try every craft". She'll probably succeed too because Penny Hewitt is a very "do

something" lady. And that "do something" is usually for someone else.

Penny has been a teacher at Small World, the YMCA preschool here in Agawam for almost 9 years now. But her involvement with children doesn't stop here.

Penny's own family consists of herself, husband John who is an assistant grower at Aikens Green House and ten and a half year old son David.

John is a craftsman himself, trying his hand at punched rugs, string art, knitting and carpentry. He is in the process now of building their own sofa.

John grew up with 21 foster children his family raised, and even before Penny and John were married, they knew that someday they would also take in foster children.

For the past five years, the Hewitts have been taking in foster children, and not the easy way. Most of them have been in the 15 to 17 year old age bracket and been in some kind of trouble.

Penny and John prefer to take what they call "long term" kids, meaning that they will stay with them at least 6 months and perhaps longer.

In talking about the advantages of taking in foster kids, Penny says, "In a way it's selfish because of the good feeling you get from knowing you are helping someone. And it extends your family. We feel there are 14 kids out there that are ours."

Penny says she'd recommend the experience to anyone providing they enjoy the involvement with kids and have a flexible family life.

The Hewitt's son David has adapted fairly well to the



Agawam's Scott Karam in recent action against West Side. The Agawam team has won two out of three so far this season. photo by Jack Devine

Sportsmen's Corner

by Bill Chiba

I like the name "Gracious Lady" when referring to Quabbin Reservoir. She is a beautiful body of water, and you feel that you're in the wilderness when fishing her out of sight of the launching site. It can be serene, balmy, and the water as flat as an ironing board.

On the other hand, the opposite can be true on a given day. Waves three to four feet high, cold driving wind from the northwest can be brutal. I have fished under both conditions and loved every minute of it. Didn't take many fish, but loved it anyway.

A bushel of fish were harvested opening weekend (April 12-13) by hardy anglers who braved the adverse weather conditions. However, over 9,000 rods lined the shores and flogged the water from boats. Percentage-wise, the "Lady" wasn't so generous.

Wednesday, we dropped down into the gate 8 launching area and were met with loaded conditions. I was surprised. I certainly didn't figure that there would be such a mob during the middle of the week. Kids were running all over the place with rods in their hands.

One lucky youngster came running from in back of the registration office with a 3½ pound laker swinging from his hand. He was calling for his father at the top of his voice. It didn't take long for a crowd to gather around him admiring the fish.

The sun was warm when the wind receded at times on the water. We witnessed a laker being taken by a fisherman using a down rigger and shiners for bait. It could have gone 3 pounds.

It disturbed me very much about the number of young lads (3 to 4) in a boat rowing and fooling around as kids will do. They had life jackets in the boats, but not one of them had one on. The water is so cold a person wouldn't last over 3 to 4 minutes in it before the body temperature would zero out. A life jacket is no good to the person who is in the water when it is on the seat in the boat.

I'm afraid that conditions are building towards a tragedy. I believe that the attendants should insist on jackets being put on by the people who rent the boats before they go on the water. If they are observed with them off while on the water, the occupants of the boats should lose the privilege of renting for that day. It is harsh, but a tragedy is harsher.

We boated two small rainbows late in the afternoon. I had them for supper. Delicious! Checked with the attendant and was told that very few fish were checked in with him. Nothing of great size was caught. We are going to wait for warmer weather.

Goose Pond is still socked in with ice; Greenwater Pond still has ice covering 75% of it. Buel is up; Garfield is out, but Kinney's is closed for boat launching. Otis is down and the ice is still a prevalent factor. They should all be free of ice within the next two weeks.

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Senior Lee Harvey
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Co-captain Micki Korob
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The Agawam High girls softball team is pictured above. First row, left to right: Joanne Anderson, Co-captain Edwyna Stefanik, Rose Hottin, Lynda Kunasek, and Co-captain Micki Korob. Second row, same order: Coach Carol Orsatti, Lisa Rioni, Virginia Cassidy, Joanne Hart, Lee Harvey, Elaina Granger, Shari Balderelli, Debbie Cheetham, and Assistant Coach Barbara Stevens. photo by Jack Devine



Senior Lisa Rioni in recent
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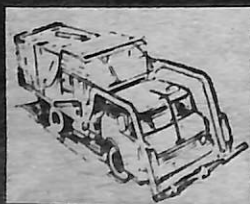
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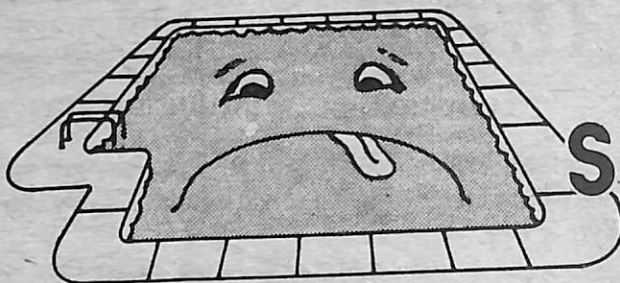


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Welcome to My World

by Charles Duclos

Soccer Teams Sweep Second

For the second week in a row, the Agawam Athletic Association's soccer teams, playing in the Pioneer Valley League, swept their games. The boys' 13-14 and 15-16 teams played heads-up ball last Saturday in different states - one in Massachusetts, the other in Connecticut.

Coch Doug Chevalier's 15-16 group met the challenge of St. Catherine of Sienna's team from Springfield. Played before an appreciative group of parents and friends at the Middle School field, Todd Griffen eased one into the net in the first half. Griffen was caught in the middle of a wild melee in front of St. Catherine's goal area, but he was able to find the handle in the land of the giant players around him and gave Agawam a 1-0 lead.

Nip and tuck action on both sides carried the game fairly evenly through half of

the second period, when Jeff Duclos dribbled the ball down the right side towards the goal. Blaine Bauman, playing his position with his usual level-headedness, took a pass from Duclos and drove the sphere deep into the open mouth of the uprights.

St. Catherine took some healthy swipes at Agawam's goal, but Jeff Fuller was able to ward them off, with the exception of one.

Final score Agawam 2: St. Catherine 1.

Meanwhile, in Connecticut, Bill O'Brien's 13-14 group was having a field day in their game against Ludlow-Indian Orchard Pizza. Last week's top scorer, Davey Jenks, continued his deft ball-handling and scooted past the opposition for two tallies; Dave Duclos, himself a mean ball manipulator, dropped in two also, while Ricky Costa, giving way to no one, sank one to give his team a 5-1 win. Coach O'Brien gave a

verbal round of applause to Mike Petrone, Tom Hannon, and Brian Tetreault for good defensive action; Paul Koretz, Jay Kamek and Colin Wells received their coach's plaudits for outstanding offensive play. Billy Malachowski covered the goal area with the cunning of a mother tiger protecting her new-born cubs.

As noted above, the Ludlow-Agawam game had toed in Connecticut because field space was difficult to come by in the local area. What a tremendous "shot in the arm" this is to soccer's popularity. Why not come out and support our kids? It's not necessary to travel out of state; there will be plenty of action this Saturday at the Agawam Middle School field from 9 a.m. to noon...and it's FREE!!!!

What a Blast !!

This was the general feeling of the young lassies as they returned last Tuesday from an overnight camping trip at Stoney Brook Scout Camp in Wilbraham. Girl Scout troop 540, which meets regularly at the Danahy School, was led on this adventure in outdoor living by co-leaders Doris Gobeille and Ann Poggi. They were assisted by Betty Rogers, parent of one of the members.

Building campfires, proper usage of jackknives, respect for property of others, investigation of nature, and preservation of the environment were some of the areas covered by the girls in their two day excursion.

Those members participating were Kristin Stone, Tina Mageau, Francesca Frigo, Holly Rogers, Jennifer Leavitt, Lorraine Leavitt, Angelique Gobeille, Christina Poggi, Michelle Johnson, Lisa Connery, Gina Nascombeni, Deanne Duclos, Tammy Stone, Karen Govoni, Dawn Dennis, Patricia Burns, Maureen Burns, Tracy Gaffney, Debbie DiSisto, and Melissa Barr.

The lessons and memories will long be remembered by all.



Our Classifieds Bring Fast Results! String Jamboree Scheduled

On Saturday, April 28, twenty-three string players in grades 5, 6, and 7 from the Agawam schools will participate in the ninth annual Western District String Jamboree, to be held this year at Wilbraham Junior High School on Stony Hill Road.

The jamboree will feature two large orchestras divided into intermediate and advanced levels made up of about 200 young string players from the Western Massachusetts area.

Kenneth Hanson from the Chelmsford, Mass., school system, who originally organized the jamboree, and James Orent of the Springfield Symphony are the invited conductors. Frederick Kerr, music supervisor from the Springfield school system and past conductor of Jamboree orchestras, has composed a piece especially for this event. The concert that will be open to the general public will begin at 2:30 p.m.

Agawam children have been preparing for this event under the direction of their teacher, Mrs. Dorothy Hegarty. The students are Cindy Slate from Granger School; Catherine Landry, Ali Kitchell from Phelps; Kim Downing, Candra Cripps, Tanya Daigneau from Clark; Patricia Melloni, Richard Rogers, Donald LePage from Robinson Park; Thaisa Alechny, Carl Batchelder, Guy Jediny, Candice Frappier, Raymond Belder, Lisa Laudato, David Liptak, Nancy Frappier, Angela Christy, Darlene Vignato, Denise Welch, Jennifer Powell, Andrea Borsari, and Joanne Mason from the Middle School.

Down to Earth

by Janet Cook



This past week, I went over my vegetable gardening notes from the last few years and found some tips that I think you all can use in your gardens.

When sowing seeds, make the furrows twice the planting depth specified, drop in the seeds, fill the furrow half way with finely pulverized soil. As your seeds grow, the wind and water will fill the furrow with soil. The plants will benefit by having a deeper, firmer rooting.

Growing and cultivation instructions on seed packets and in some gardening books assume you will use a machine to cultivate. The distance between rows that they recommend is much wider than is needed in home gardens. Many vegetables can be spaced much closer together. Experiment to determine the closest spacing for each crop under your own conditions.

Saran wrap can be a clear-cut friend for the garden. Anchor saran wrap or any clear plastic wrap with rocks or boards over just-planted

seeds. This will speed up germination by warming the soil and keeping it moist. It will keep a crust from forming on the seed row and also keep the birds from having lunch there. Be sure to remove the plastic as soon as seedlings show.

A planting of pole beans, very dense, on the north side of tomato plants helps to keep them warm and will ward off chilly autumn winds.

Try growing tomato plants in your rose bushes. It seems to help prevent black spots on roses. Solanine, contained in tomato leaves, is a volatile alkaloid formerly used as an agricultural insecticide. It apparently works as a fungicide also.

Also try planting a garlic bulb close to each rose bush to help stop aphids on your roses. When the bulb grows to maturity, harvest for your kitchen use. If you don't allow the garlic to flower, you will not smell garlic in the garden. KEEP SMILING! JMC

Our Feathered Friends

by Mary Os



With the nesting season upon us, it might be interesting to be able to identify the nests and eggs of some of our local birds. There are some people who make a hobby out of collecting bird's eggs. While I can understand their interest, I believe it is better to admire from a distance and to allow the eggs to reach maturity.

As a rule, smaller birds lay smaller eggs, larger birds, larger ones. Incubation periods vary radically as do shape and size of different eggs. Frequently those chicks hatching from eggs with a shorter incubation period are "born" into the world blind and featherless and must continue on in the nest for some time. Other species are flying or hopping around only hours after hatching.

The greenish-blue egg of the robin is familiar to most; it measures about 1.2 x .8 inches. There are usually three to five eggs per clutch and the eggs are rarely spotted.

Only slightly shorter in length are the eggs of the mockingbird. The three to six eggs are greenish to blue and spotted brown at the larger end.

Thick bushes or vines may harbor the nest of a cardinal. Look for pale, bluish white, finely spotted with reddish brown marks, 1.0 x .7 inch eggs. The clutch will probably consist of three or four eggs.

As might be expected, the black-capped chickadee's eggs are small, only .6 x .5 inches. The eggs are white and finely spotted with brown. The chickadee's first cousin, the tufted titmouse lays slightly larger eggs which are white to buff and speckled with grayish brown. Both birds are rather prolific with five to eight eggs per nest.

Woodpeckers lay strangely plain eggs considering the colorfulness of the adults. The downy and the red-headed woodpeckers both lay glossy white eggs that are unmarked. Those of the red-headed are slightly larger. The yellow-shafted flicker also lays the glossy white egg but in a larger size.

Perhaps the largest eggs you are likely to come across will belong to the common crow. The three to five eggs per nest will measure 1.6 x 1.2 inches. They are pale blue or green spotted or blotched with brown.

It is a good idea when egg hunting to remain a fair distance from the nest. Disturbing the nest can be disastrous to the young birds, particularly if they are abandoned by a frightened mother.

Next week we will investigate the early life of the newly hatched chick and trace their path to fledgling status.

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April 24	Amherst	Home
25	Cathedral	Away
27	Longmeadow	Away
May 1	South Hadley	Away
4	East Longmeadow	Home
8	Putnam	Home
9	West Springfield	Away
10	Ludlow	Home
15	Minnechaug	Away
16	Cathedral	Home
18	Amherst	Away
22	Longmeadow	Home
23	Holyoke	2:00 p.m. Away
25	South Hadley	Home
29	East Longmeadow	Away

VARSITY & JV SOFTBALL

Head Coach - Mrs. Orsati
JV Coach - Miss Montague
Site - Varsity-Jr. High
JV-H.S.
Time - 3:30 p.m.

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE
April 24	Amherst	Home
25	Chicopee Comp.	Away
27	Longmeadow	Away
May 1	South Hadley	Away
2	Holyoke	Away
4	East Longmeadow	Home
8	Putnam	Home
9	West Springfield	Away
11	Ludlow	Home
15	Minnechaug	Away
16	Holyoke	Home
18	Amherst	Away
22	Longmeadow	Home
25	South Hadley	Home
29	East Longmeadow	Away

GOLF

Head Coach - Mr. LeClerc
Site - St. Ann's (normally)
Time - 2:00 p.m.

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE
April 24	Ludlow	Away
26	Longmeadow	Home
30	West Springfield	Home
May 1	East Longmeadow	Home
3	South Hadley	Home
7	Holyoke (Wyckoff)	Away
8	Minnechaug	Away
10	Ludlow	Home
14	Cathedral	2:30 p.m. Away
15	Longmeadow	Away
17	East Longmeadow	Away

JUNIOR HIGH BASEBALL

Head Coach - Mr. Polanski
Site - Junior High
Time - 3:30 p.m.

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE
April 24	Amherst	Away
25	Cathedral	Home
27	Longmeadow	Home
May 1	South Hadley	Home
4	East Longmeadow	Away
8	Putnam	Away
9	West Springfield	Home
11	Ludlow	Away
15	Minnechaug	Home
16	Cathedral	Away
18	Amherst	Home
22	Longmeadow	Away
23	Holyoke	Home
25	South Hadley	Away
29	East Longmeadow	Home

GIRLS TRACK

Head Coach - Mr. Blodgett
Assistant Coach - Miss Greguoli
Site - H.S.
Time - 3:30 p.m.

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE
April 26	Palmer	Home
May 3	East Longmeadow	Away
7	Southwick	Away
10	South Hadley	Home
14	Minnechaug	Home
17	Longmeadow	Home
19	Valley Wheel	Home
23	Northampton	3:15 p.m. Home

BOYS TRACK

Head Coach - Mr. Modzelewski
Assistant Coach - Mr. Young
Site - H.S.
Time - 3:30 p.m.

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE
April 26	Palmer	Away
30	Ludlow	Home
May 3	East Longmeadow	Home
7	Southwick	Home
10	South Hadley	Away
14	Minnechaug	Away
17	Longmeadow	Away
19	Valley Wheel	Away
23	Northampton	Away

BOYS TENNIS

Coach - Mr. Morse
Site - H.S.
Time - 3:30 p.m.

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE
April 24	Cathedral	Home
26	Minnechaug	Home
30	Technical	Away
May 1	Classical	Away
2	West Springfield	Home
3	Amherst	Home
7	Palmer	Away
8	East Longmeadow	Home
10	South Hadley	Home
14	West Springfield	Away
21	West Springfield	Home

GIRLS TENNIS

Coach - Miss Wolochowicz
Site - H.S.
Time - 3:30 p.m.

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE
April 24	Cathedral	Away
26	Minnechaug	Away
30	Ludlow	Home
May 1	Classical	Home
3	Amherst	Away
7	Palmer	Home
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THIS WEEK'S QUESTION: DO YOU THINK CHILDREN HAVE A PET AND WHY?

Sharon Gaffney.. I think it is important for a child to have a pet, because a person needs someone to play with if he or she is a only child. There are lots of pets to choose from. A dog or a cat are good pets. And many many more. Pets can do tricks too. You can teach a dog to give you his paw.
Danahy School - Grade 2

Danahy School - Grade 2

Patty Hannon.. I think that children should have a pet, because if they don't have a brother or sister they might feel lonely. When they get home from school they will feel lonely. On Saturday if their friends went some place they won't have anyone to play with. And if their friends were still gone on Sunday they would have to play all alone.
Danahy School - Grade 2

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Michael Landry.. I think it is important for a child to have a pet. I think it is important to have a pet in case your friends aren't home. You can play with your pet so you won't be bored or lonely.

Danahy School - Grade 4

Shawne White.. Yes, because I think a kid should have the opportunity to have the responsibility to take care of a pet.
Middle School - Grade 6

Middle School - Grade 6

Cindy Geiger.. Yes, because they're so much fun and whenever you're lonely you can just play with them. My pets are Jessie and Jamie the gerbils, Rex and Budweiser the rabbits, Misty my dog.

Middle School - Grade 6

Maria Valego.. No, because sometimes children don't like pets and if the pets don't know what's going on, they'll bark and bite you.
Phelps School - Grade 3

Teresa Markiewicz.. Yes, I do, because if they don't have a brother or sister, it would be good to have a pet.
Phelps School - Grade 3

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Joseph Cini.. Yes, because a pet is really something special to a child because he can just be very happy to have a pet and the pet is like a buddy to the child.
Phelps School - Grade 3

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Carol Pignatere.. Yes because a pet may take care of the house so a robber cannot go into the house.
Phelps School - Grade 3

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Alan Boucher.. Yes! Because a child needs someone to go to if all the grown-ups have to do all the things that kids can't do.

Phelps School - Grade 3

Valentina Rocca.. I think a child should have a pet because when a child is lonely, a pet is something important to have.
Phelps School - Grade 3

Phelps School - Grade 3

Stephen Amato.. I don't think a child should have a pet because the pet could bite the child.

Phelps School - Grade 3

Kirsti Duni.. Yes, a child should have a pet because some people ignore children and this way they have something to go to and to care for.

Phelps School - Grade 3

Christie Gaudreau.. Yes, because children like to love.
Phelps School - Grade 3

Phelps School - Grade 3

Jim Longhi.. Yes, because some people are lonely and pets can keep kids company and pets need a good home so they won't starve to death.
Phelps School - Grade 3

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Jessie and James, the Gerbils

by CINDY GEIGER

Hi, my name is Jamie
And I am very skinny.
My sister's name is Jessie
And she is very fat.
Whenever we box, she always wins
But the way she wins is to sit on me.
If you ever think of fighting my sister Jessie,
Don't do it.

SAMANTHA

By SHAWNE WHITE

Our kitten's black
She doesn't attack.
She's sly as a fox
She'll hide in your sox.
She's only our pet,
But the best you can get.

Next week's question: NOT COUNTING CHRISTMAS,
WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE HOLIDAY AND WHY?

Agawam High Honor Roll

The following students have been named to the honor roll for the third term at Agawam High School.

Class of 1979

Lisa Annino, Barbara Atwater, Judith Baj, Ann Benerakis, Janine Benoit, Dina Borgatti, Leslie Bull, Carmela Cardoropoli, Graziella Chiarella, Betsy Chyba, Craig Cosby, Jean Craig, Douglas Cusson, Susan Deitelbaum, Cheryl Depka, Jody Desjarlais

Jodi Ferraro, Michelle Fieldstad, Gary Geiger, Lee Ann Harvey, Lisa Houlihan, Mario Iacolo, Lisa Impoco, Peter Kerr, Louise Kibbe, Gary Labine, Robert Labun, Robert Lamb, Joan Lamson, Kevin Langevin, Elizabeth Lombardo, Nelson Martel, Nancy Masi, Charles Mickey, Mark Modzeleski, Kathleen O'Connell, Giselle Ortiz, Christine Perrault, Lynn Perry, John Pezzimenti, Barbara Plante, Theresa Potito, Kara Puskey

Donna Regnier, AnnMarie Remillard, James Ricco, Lisa Rioni, Cheryl Robinson, Gregg Robinson, Thomas Rosatti, Emilia Santaniello, John Shaer, Edwyna Stefanik, Monica Stein, James Snyder, Joan Stepanik, Jennie Theodorowicz, Richard Thornton, Brian Thresher, Patricia Trehey, Roberta Vanotti, and Kathleen Vincent.

Class of 1980

Ralph Albano, Jennifer Ayre, Darlene Bator, David Beck, Timothy Bennett, Curt Burmeister, Lisa Capitanio, Mark Casey, Kim Chenevert, Michael Chmura, Heidi Dominguez, James Duda, Mary Favreau, Diane Fearn, Susan Garvin, Noel Girard

Susan Hallock, Jamie Jacobs, Pauline Kwiat, Richard LeClerc, Cynthia Nolan, Lori Opal, Christine Orr, Lisa Pedulla, Nicholas rondoletto, Pauline Roy, Eric Schmidt, Tracey Settle, Richard Stenta, Jean Stork, Corinne Tessicini, Brenda Timms, Glenn Welch, and Paul Zerbinopoulos

Class of 1981

Thomas Albano, David Allen, Tammy Bousquet, Scott Cousineau, Wendy Czerpak, Rosemary DeStefano, Michael Ehresman, Judith Ferguson, Kathryn Foley, Jacqueline Fortier, Karol Goehrlert, Beth Golemo, Deborah Goyette, David Hanson, Gary Jennison, John Jury

Karl Kamyk, Georgia Kratimenos, Craig McCarl, Laurel Masi, David Meade, Heidi Meister, Patricia Misisco, Richard Parent, David Podgorski, Angela Ross, Todd Rovelli, Kevin Ryan, Antonio Santaniello, James Shea, Thomas Sibilia, David Smith, Sharon Stefanik, Susan Vinesett, Karen Wilson, and Lori Acosta.

Jr. High Honor Roll

The following Agawam Jr. High pupils have made the honor roll for the third quarter marking period.

Grade 9

Linda Allen, Mary Arsonault, Dianna Bator, Thomas Bennett, Christopher Borowiec, Linda Briggs, Sandee Brittain, Joy Brouwer, Darcy Burmeister, Anthony Caputo, Frank Cardaropoli, David Cecchi, Paul Cerpovicz, Ruth Chandler, Christine Chmura, Elizabeth Conway, Lori Costa, Susan Davis, Cheryl DeSpiri, Suzanne Douglass, Laura Dunn, Ellen Fanning, Marlene Feeney, Gina Ferraro, Gerald Ferrendino, Karen Fieldstad and Nancy Gentile. Also, Jacqueline Gregalis, Anna Greguoli,

Timothy Guarnieri, Charles Hastings, Michael Hazen, Gina Iacolo, David Jenks, Daniel Jury, Alisa LaFrancis, Martha Leary, Andrew Lester, Anthony Liquori, Tammy Lucia, Allison Lush, James Mahoney, Susan Marai, Johanna Matthews, Cheryl Mayotte, Karen Mazza, Susan Messier, Laurie Montefusco, Michael Morassi and Cynthia Murphy. Also, Marc Nicole, Charles Noble, Tammy Oberheim, Roger Olewinski, Catherine O'Malley, Edward Pajak, Thomas Paleologopoulos, Scott Rainville, Paul Reimers, Jeff Rovelli, Timothy Ryan, Susanna Santaniello, Doreen Sardella, Patrick Sheehan, James Sherry, Lee-Ann Sibilia, Scott Smith, Karen Stebbins, Stacy Strom, Brian Sutton, Tracy Swank, Anthony Venturini, Michael Wands, Jeffrey White, and Barry Wu.

Grade 8

Jodi Anderson, Karen Augusti, Charles Barber, Dawn Barr, AnnMarie Barrett, Lori Bartnik, Lorraine Belisle, Mildred Bittner, Susan Bodurtha, Kelly Boland, Diana Bulson, Paul Burton, Robert Cecchi, Eric Cousineau, Debora Cruz, Debora Dalton, Raelene Davis, Jody Dennis, Laura DeSantis, Linda Desmarais, Nancy Dionne, Michael DiRoma, and Karen Duda. Also, William Fairlie, John Favreau, Gina Fazio, Dawn Fontaine, Ellen Fontaine, Thomas Fortier, Tracy Fountaine, Lynn Fratini, James Frogameni, Ralph Gamelli, Phyllis Kisielewski, Kimberly Kosak, Maria Kozloski, Edward Krafft, Juan Kulik, Donald Lancour, Laura Leiberger, Kristi Letendre, Barbara Lewis, Susan Lindsay, Joseph Longo and Michael Madry. Also, William Malchowski, Jolene Mercadante, Cara Nichols, Elizabeth O'Donnell, Diane Palazzi, Eileen Paleologopoulos, Dale Patnaude, Phillip Podgorski, Bryan Ryan, Deborah Saliba, Donald Schlichting, Jamie Settle, Dwayne Sharpy, Ellen Smith, Denise Thornton, Jeffrey Vandergrift, Stephen Ward, Michelle Welch, Colin Wells, Lori Mitkewicz, and Stephen Young.

Middle School Honor Roll

The following Middle School students were named to the third quarter honor roll recently. They were:

Grade 7

Karen Albano, Thaisal Alechny, Douglas Allen, Scott Bartels, Carla Beavis, Clifford Belden, Raymond Belden, Carol Benson, Edward Borgatti, Denise Bourbonnaise, Gina Buoniconti, Louis Carranza, Linda Cavanaugh, Michael Cecchi, Carol Chartier, Lisa Chevalier, Raymond Chevalier, Diana Cocchi, Scott Cofer, Colleen Conway, Thomas Cruz, David Dematteo, Michael Desmond, Michele Duval, Michele Early, Laura Farrington, Susan Feil, Tony Ferrero, Stephen Fisher, Michele Fontaine, Lisa Frechette, Donna Gasteyer, Anthony Grasso, Christopher Gregory, Thomas Hanson, Frederick Harpin, Jr., Anna Hopkins, Paula Impoco, Beverly Johnson and Steven Jury. Also, Brian Kane, Lena Kozloski, Filomer Larocca, Lisa Laudato, Dean Lunden,

Lisa Laudato, Dean Leclerc, Eric Lunden, Gina Lynch, Janet Mallory, Lawrence Manning, Deborah Marai, Joseph Maruszczak, Alan Mazza, Erik Meunier, Deanna Mezzetti, Deborah Morassi, Kimberly Musinski,

Christine Nadok, Marie Nahajlo, Tina Ogorzalek, Kevin O'Keefe, Tina O'Keefe and Maria Ollari. Also, Michael Payne, Roxanne Polak, Tammy Potter, Dorothea Preston, Deena Psholka, Michele Quaglini, Lori Rahilly, Sharon Ramponi, Felicia Rondinelli, Carol Rosner, Deborah Ryan, Michele St. Pierre, Penelope Shaer, Catherine Sheehan, Karen Spaulding, Jill Stefanik, Dawn Tlusty, Dana Venturini, Andrew Vezis, Sharon Walsh, James Wright, and Lynda Yacavone.

Grade 6

Dale Barnes, Pamela Beele, Matthew Blanchard, Mark Bortolussi, Brian Boulay, Karen Briggs, Michael Briggs, Christine Burrows, Sandra Butler, Sandra Campbell, Lois Carra, Paul Cavallo, Joanne Cecchi, John Chriscola, Angela Christy, Todd Connery, Karen Conway, Mellisa Copple, Edgar Cornelius, Kimberly Corriveau, Jennifer Crean, Robin Cross and Michael Daponte. Also, Scott Dennis, Betty Dilley, Nicholas Ditomaso, SaraJane Douglass, Lisa Duffus, Stephen Easton, Michael Fazio, Daine Feil, Paul Ferraro, Deanna Fisher, Nancy Frappier, Kerry Frechette, Anthony Frogameni, John Gentile, Mary Ghidoni, Susan Gielda, Shelly Gingras, Renee Girard, Jeffrey Goss, Karen Grant, Steven Grasso, Michele Gray and Susan Harpin. Also, Jeffrey Hastings, John Hauser, Jr., Shelly Haynes, Lori Helin, James Helton, Cynthia Hill, Kim Jackson, Keith Josephson, Lori Jury, Jeanne Juzba, Sharon Kiddy, Edward Kopyscinski, Christine Kosinski, Miguel Kulik, Gregory Labine, Gregory Larouche, Michael Lemay, Gina Letellier, Roseann Longo, Melissa Ludemann, Tina McCarl, Caroline McGregor and Kelly McNamee. Also E.F. Malachowski, Jr., Ronald Maniscalco, Richard Marcil, Joanne Mason, Scott Milliken, Karin Mills, Kriste Miodonka, Christine Moore, Edward Mutti, Robert Neal, Leah Negrucci, Kara O'Connell, Patricia O'Donnell, Jamie Pacella, Kelly Padden, Joanne Pallotta, Karen Pertusi, Jill Phillips, Kiana Porter, Jennifer Powell, Kathleen Prezeszlo, Carol Ribeiro, Danielle Roy, Diane Ruby, Joseph Santore, Laurie Sleeper, Heather Smith, Lara Smith, Matthew Soffen, Andrea Strycharz, Melissa Sullivan, Stacy Sutarik, Peter Sutton, Todd Swenor, Cari-Ann Szabla, Renne Talbot, Andrea Tebaldi, Jennifer Trehey, Ronald Viens, Cynthia Walters, Jeffrey Wands, Kelly Welch, Robert Wing, Jr. and Samantha Woods.

AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL

The Agawam High School Baseball Booster Club announces an upcoming car wash to be held Saturday, April 28, and May 12, from the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The car wash will be held at the Agawam Middle School. The proceeds are being used for a scholarship fund for the graduating seniors.

Youth Center Schedule

Sat., April 28: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. - Sr. group orienteering and staff training
Sun., April 29: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. - Jr. group hike at Laughing Brook Nature Center
Mon., April 30: 2:15 to 5 p.m. - Recycling program, pick-ups of newspaper and cardboard
Tues., May 1: 2:15 to 4 p.m. - Recycling program, drop-offs
Wed., May 2: 4 to 5:30 p.m. - staff preparation for Sr. & Jr. activity meetings. 7 to 9 p.m. - Sr. Activity Meeting, pick-ups start at 6:15
Thurs., May 3: 7 to 8 p.m. - Jr. Activity Meeting, pick-ups start at 6:15
Sat., May 5: 9 a.m. - WALK-A-THON for letters of support from the community to prevent the Youth Center from closing on June 30, 1979. The five-mile route through Agawam will involve both members and members parents.
Sun., May 6: WALK-A-THON rain date.

Spring Music Activities

April 28 will find the students from Agawam junior High Band and Chorus who have been chosen for All-Western Mass. Junior High Festival attending their first rehearsal in preparation for the concert by those groups and string students attending the String Jamboree.

Senior High band parents will sponsor a flea market at the high school on April 29 as plans proceed for the attendance at the National Music Festival in Wildwood, New Jersey by the Senior High Band and Color Guard. "Band Time" at the high school gym will find five different bands, including all band students from grades 5 to 12, gathering for a joint festival concert at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 2. Groups performing will be the 5th grade elementary band, under the direction of Mrs. Sally Lowell; the 6th grade band, 7th grade band, and Junior High band (all under the direction of David Baldock); and the Senior High Band under the direction of Darcy Davis and Daniel Melbourne. Each band will perform several selections with a finale that will have all 400-plus students combine for a selection.

Robinson PTO Meeting

The Robinson Park School PTO will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, April 26th, at the school beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Election of officers for the coming year will precede a program featuring Mary Hughes, who will address the group on the topic of child abuse.

All parents with children attending Robinson Park School are encouraged to attend this last PTO meeting of the year. Refreshments will be served and a door prize awarded.

Peirce School Open House

Peirce School PTO will hold its semi-annual open house on Wednesday, April 25th from 7 to 9 p.m.

Each parent will have a chance to speak individually with their child's teacher. Resource teachers will also be available for conferences.

A bake sale will be held in the cafeteria that same night, and all parents are asked to participate. Any baked article will be greatly appreciated.



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